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AIRPORT Police have arrested two women at a British airport after they reportedly tried to smuggle a corpse onto a flight.

Police said yesterday the women were detained at Liverpool's John Lennon airport "on suspicion of failing to give notification of death" of a 91-year-old man.

The BBC and other British media reported the women placed the man, a relative of theirs, into a wheelchair and covered his face with sunglasses in a bid to get him aboard a flight to Berlin. The women, aged 41 and 66, were detained Saturday and have been released on bail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Raptors Another setback

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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James takes a shot over Toronto Raptors forward Hedo Turkoglu last night in Cleveland. James scored 19 points as the Cavaliers topped the Raptors 113-101. Toronto's Chris Bosh left the game early in the first quarter and was taken to hospital after taking an elbow to the face. More coverage, page 18.

Dagger debate

Brampton incident may spark objections to kirpans

The crowd of about 150 people was yelling threats outside the Sikh Lehar Centre in Brampton when three temple officials tried to pacify them.

Within seconds, someone clutching a thick steel bangle punched Manjit Mangat, the 53-year-old president of the Sikh temple, in the face. Witnesses say at least two men brandished unsheathed kirpans, the Sikh ceremonial dagger. The next moment, Mangat was on the ground — his face bloodied and a five-inch wound in his abdomen.

Any weapon could have been used, but the fact it was a kirpan alarms Sikh leaders who fear the incident will rouse objections once again over one's right to wear the religious symbol in public.

"We are fighting for two symbols all over the world — turban and kirpan," said Gurdev Gill, who witnessed the attack. "They have both been misused in front of everyone. Why would people listen to us when we now say that it (kirpan) is ceremonial in nature ... not meant to kill people?"

But a question that has dominated debates is: Does the wearing of the dagger, seen by Sikhs as a symbolic weapon in the fight against evil, compromise public security?

Brampton's Sukhwant Singh, in his early 50s, has been arrested and charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault relating to the attack, said Peel Regional Police.

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The kirpan

- A steel blade measuring two to eight inches long, the kirpan is supposed to be worn by baptized Sikhs at all times, sheathed under their clothes.

Poll illustrates disenchantment of ordinary Afghans

DATA Public support for the Taliban hit an "all-time high" in Kandahar province last spring just as the United States was preparing to pour in the first wave of military reinforcements, polling data compiled by the Canadian military suggests.

The data, obtained by The Canadian Press under access to information laws, provide a fascinating look at the disenchantment of ordinary Afghans, and perhaps illustrate the method behind the madness of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's recent anti-Western rants.

The survey, conducted as part of the military's spring 2009 campaign assessment, shows just how much resistance there was even a year ago to the growing U.S. troop buildup in Kandahar.

25 A startling 25 per cent of those asked said they had a favourable view of the Taliban, including six per cent with a "very favourable" opinion.

"International economic assistance is heavily preferred over military assistance," the report said of Afghan public opinion.

A human rights group said the sentiments captured in the poll are still present and cast doubt on whether Karzai will get unanimous public support in Kandahar for NATO's forthcoming offensive.

One of the survey's most important findings was the growing mistrust of NATO troops, where a full one-third said they had an unfavourable impression of foreign soldiers.

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Courses get early tee times

The City of Toronto is opening its five golf courses tomorrow, a week early, after record-breaking heat saw many private courses open last week or earlier. Bill Harding, the city's parks manager, said the decision was made yesterday morning after the greens and fairways were deemed ready for heavy traffic.

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Chasing Chinese Shadows

University of Toronto report reveals how hackers steal sensitive information

Twitter and email was used by Chinese hackers to access highly-sensitive documents from the Dalai Lama's offices and national security data from India, Canadian researchers said yesterday.

"What the Shadow report shows is that the social media clouds of cyberspace we rely upon today have a dark, hidden core," said researcher Ron Deibert.

"There is a vast subterranean ecosystem to cyberspace within which criminal and espionage networks thrive."

The report released yesterday, entitled Shadows in the Cloud, should serve as a wake-up call to Ottawa to set both domestic and foreign policy on cyberspace before Canada becomes the target of a so-called shadow network, he added.

The report found that hackers operating out of China used email and Twitter to steal highly sensitive data, including documents from Indian national security and the Dalai Lama's offices in Tibet. The data also includes information provided to Indian authorities by third-party nationals, including Canadian visa applicants.

The report is the result of a collaboration between the University of Toronto's Munk Centre for International Studies and the Ottawa-based security firm SecDev Group.

International governments are waging a competitive arms race in cyberspace that's preventing cooperation on global cyber security, added Deibert, the director of the Citizen Lab and a principal with the SecDev Group.

The report said it found no evidence of involvement by the Chinese government. Still, its findings put Beijing on the defensive.

Separate reports earlier this year said security investigators had traced attacks on Google and other companies to China-based computers.

"We have from time to time heard this kind of news. I don't know the purpose of stirring up these issues," said China foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu. "We are firmly opposed to various kinds of hacking activities through the Internet."

China will fight cybercrime according to law, she added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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University of Toronto researchers Ronald Deibert, left, and Nart Villeneuve, who discovered the vast electronic spying operation dubbed GhostNet, speak to the media yesterday at U of T.

Do the Math about eating on welfare

FOOD Toronto Councillor Joe Mihevc's 11-year-old daughter Catherine looks at her family's food bank ration of tinned salmon, dried chick peas and peanut butter and wonders what her friends will think when they come to her house for lunch this week.

That was one of the first reactions of 10 prominent Torontonians at the Stop Community Food Centre yesterday, as they embarked on a week of living on what thousands of people on social assistance regularly pick up from local food banks.

"It's walking a little bit of the walk," said Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's medical officer of health, who is also participating in the Stop's initiative to draw attention to Ontario's low social assistance rates.

The initiative is part of the Stop's Do the Math campaign, which began last August by inviting people to estimate the monthly expenses of a single person on welfare. It shows that after rent, clothing and transportation, there is no money left for food, forcing people to rely on food banks.

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Coun. Joe Mihevc and his daughter Catherine get their food for the week as part of the Do the Math campaign.

News in brief

HEALTH Ontario's universal seasonal flu vaccine program is a cost-effective measure because it reduces the number of people who get sick, averts hospital admissions and saves lives, an economic analysis suggests. The province spends an estimated $40 million a year on the universal program, which offers free vaccination against seasonal influenza to any resident aged six months and older. Before its introduction in 2000, Ontario provided free flu shots only to targeted groups, including health providers, people 65 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions that put them at risk of complications from the disease. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto firm to continue supplying B.C. paper mills

Toronto-based Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund has renewed a deal to supply sodium chlorate to Canfor Pulp's pulp and paper mills in B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G20 outlook boosted by China-U.S. relations

Repositioning by China and the United States over the past few days has vastly improved Canada's chances of holding a successful G20 summit in Toronto at the end of June.

"It's recognizing that countries in the G20 are going to have to move together ... It absolutely increases the stakes of the G20."
Tom Bernes

First, China offered last Thursday to join talks on renewing sanctions against Iran. Then, the U.S. said it would stand down for now on its attempts to brand China a "currency manipulator" — a provocative label that hints at trade sanctions to follow.

The moves suggest the two powers are taking concrete steps to defuse tensions, and instead hash out their significant economic-policy differences under the auspices of the Group of 20 — raising the stakes for the summit in Toronto.

"It's recognizing that countries in the G20 are going to have to move together," said Tom Bernes, acting executive director of the Waterloo, Ont.-based Centre for International Governance Innovation.

"It's not a question of any one country doing one thing. It absolutely increases the stakes of the G20. This is the big issue that's going to dominate everything."

Just two weeks ago, relations between the two countries had deteriorated so much that insiders wondered if the G20 — which brings together countries to make decisions on the global economy — had much of a future.

Canada would have been presiding over a stumbling summit that was struggling to be significant.

But now the two superpowers have given each other some breathing room.

In signalling that it is ready to help the West crack down on Iran's nuclear ambitions, China lends its heft to the G8 deal last week to pressure the Middle Eastern country.

And by announcing it would delay a report on China's currency regime for three months, the U.S. is giving China the space it needs to direct its own reforms.

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Best New Product Awards **Hand over the loot!**

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Robert Levy, president of the Best New Product Awards, presents a gift bag worth $250 to Sara Perrin of Toronto, who won the Best New Products Shopping Spree yesterday. The spree took place at the Rexall store at Dufferin Street and Eglinton Street West. Runners-up Kristy Crombie and Charlene Michelle look on.

Teachers' Pension Plan deficit swells to $17B

INVESTMENTS The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan says its assets grew nearly 10 per cent to $96.4 billion in 2009 as stock markets recovered but the fund manager's deficit swelled.

The asset growth was up from 2008's $87.4 billion in assets and just short of its record $108.5 billion at the end of 2007.

President and CEO Jim Leech said 2009 was one of the fund's best-ever investment years. "We spent 2009 taking care of the business of the plan during the tail end of the financial market crash, while taking advantage of the market turmoil to make some investments that are already starting to pay off, and fortifying the plan for the future," he added.

289,000

The fund invests the pension fund's assets and administers the pensions of 289,000 active and retired teachers in Ontario and is the largest single-profession pension plan in Canada.

Despite the earnings improvement, the fund says its deficit rose to $17.1 billion from a $2.5-billion shortfall at the end of fiscal 2008, due mainly to historically low interest rates.

The deficit reflects the shortfall between assets and future payments to members. If the deficit persists, the fund may have to cut benefits, top off the shortfall or require larger contributions from its members. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Executives need to join deficit fight: McGuinty

Premier says 'privileged' must come to table

Top executives at government agencies, boards and commissions should consider doing their part to keep costs down as Ontario fights its record $21.3-billion deficit, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

McGuinty

"What we're focused on right now is this notion that we're all in this together," McGuinty said after an event in Peterborough, Ont.

Elected officials are freezing their pay for three years and the government has asked everyone in the public sector to do the same for two, he noted.

"I think those who enjoy the privilege of serving Ontarians in an executive capacity — whether you're heading up a hydro company or a hospital or one of variety of agencies, boards and commissions — I think you've got to take into account what's happened to the economy," McGuinty said. "Those of us that are privileged to be paid by taxpayers have to come to the table with something."

The province has already talked about tying hospital CEOs' salaries to their performance and plans to introduce legislation to that effect as early as this spring.

While no such move is in the works for the province's more than 600 agencies, boards and commissions, McGuinty indicated for the first time that he was open to expanding that concept to the group.

"At some point in time we'll be talking about senior executive salaries, something that goes beyond hospitals," McGuinty said.

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AJAX A 19-year-old man from Ajax, faces several charges after allegedly pointing a hand-held laser beam at an aircraft.

It happened last Saturday and Durham Region police say the targeted aircraft was one of their helicopters.

The chopper was low over Ajax helping officers find a suspected drunk driver when an intense green light hit the cockpit.

The pilot had to take immediate evasive action and descended rapidly in an attempt to avoid the laser strikes.

The crew used on-board infrared technology to pinpoint the location of the beam and found a suspect in the backyard of a house.

Charges against Brendon Schownwald include obstructing police and endangering life.

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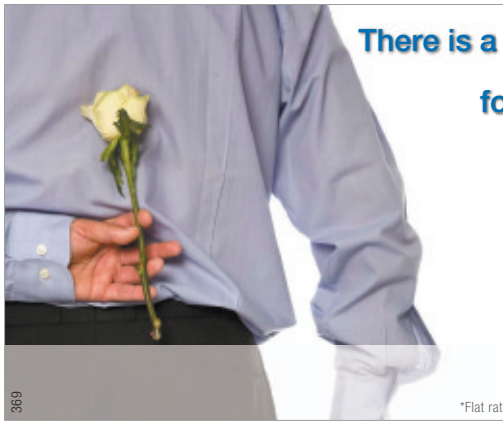

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Another avalanche death in B.C.

Another snowmobiler has been killed in a B.C. avalanche. The latest death brings to 11 the number of people killed in avalanches in B.C. so far this season; the annual national average is 14. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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N.S. to hike HST to 15 per cent

Nova Scotia already has Canada's highest personal income taxes and its highest corporate taxes, and now the province can claim another dubious distinction: The highest harmonized sales tax. Finance Minister Graham Steele, left, tabled a $9-billion budget yesterday that will hike the HST by two percentage points to 15 per cent as of July, boosting the price of everything from groceries to cars. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect in cop slaying fires lawyer

DISMISSAL A suspended Mountie charged with stabbing an Ottawa police officer to death has fired his lawyer.

The move by Kevin Gregson brought a prompt end to proceedings at an Ottawa courthouse yesterday and sets his trial back indefinitely.

Neither Gregson nor his lawyer, Israel Gencher, gave reasons for the dismissal.

A preliminary hearing set for Oct. 1 has been cancelled and a remand hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Const. Eric Czapnik, 51, died after he was attacked Dec. 29 while sitting in his cruiser outside an Ottawa hospital.

Gregson, 43, is charged with first-degree murder.

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'She's been our messenger'

Haitian fans want to see Jean stay on as Governor General

The capital might be chattering about who will be the next governor general, but Michaëlle Jean's substantial fan club in Haiti would like to see her stay put.

Jean is a beloved figure of success in her country of birth, and has been a high-profile champion of support and assistance for Haiti in the aftermath of January's earthquake

As Jean opened a two-day conference yesterday on rebuilding the Caribbean nation, Haitian leaders confessed to some chagrin at seeing her term draw to a close this fall.

It's not unusual for a governor general to have his or her mandate extended, but it is believed Prime Minister Stephen Harper is already seeking her successor.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean looks around yesterday after a speech at the University of Ottawa's international symposium on Haiti.

"She has opened a lot of doors for us and she's been our messenger, and we've been taking advantage of that," said Port-au-Prince Mayor Jean-Yves Jason.

"If the government is listening, I'd tell them to renew the mandate of Michaëlle Jean."

> **"If the government is listening, I'd tell them to renew the mandate of Michaëlle Jean."**
> Port-au-Prince Mayor Jean-Yves Jason

Said Josseline Fethiere, Haiti's trade and industry minister: "We would have hoped that she be renewed, because for we Haitians to have Michaëlle Jean as Governor (General) is really one more source of support." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier to review mercury report before acting

HEALTH Premier Dalton McGuinty says he will wait to see a report on the effects of mercury poisoning on an Ontario First Nations reserve before deciding whether to tighten guidelines.

An expert says the health effects of mercury poisoning at the Grassy Narrows reserve are worse now than in the 1970s. McGuinty said that conflicts with federal government data that suggests the problem is under control. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario GM plant may close in June

There's now a tentative date for the closure of the GM transmission plant in Windsor, Ont. It's June 28, but CAW local 1973 president Bill Reeves says that's a tentative date because the company can extend it by 13 weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Glenn Stannard, the new chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission, listens yesterday as hearings resume into complaints about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

Afghan inquiry starts

Probe will look at transfer of prisoners

A civilian-run military watchdog is starting a probe into the handover of Afghanistan war prisoners.

The Military Police Complaints Commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

The groups say Canadian military police did not properly investigate officers responsible for directing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of torture.

Transferring prisoners between countries knowing they are likely to face torture is considered a war crime.

Diplomat Richard Colvin told a special House of Commons committee last November that the majority of the prisoners Canada handed over to the Afghan intelligence service were tortured.

But the Conservative government and military commanders, past and present, deny the allegation.

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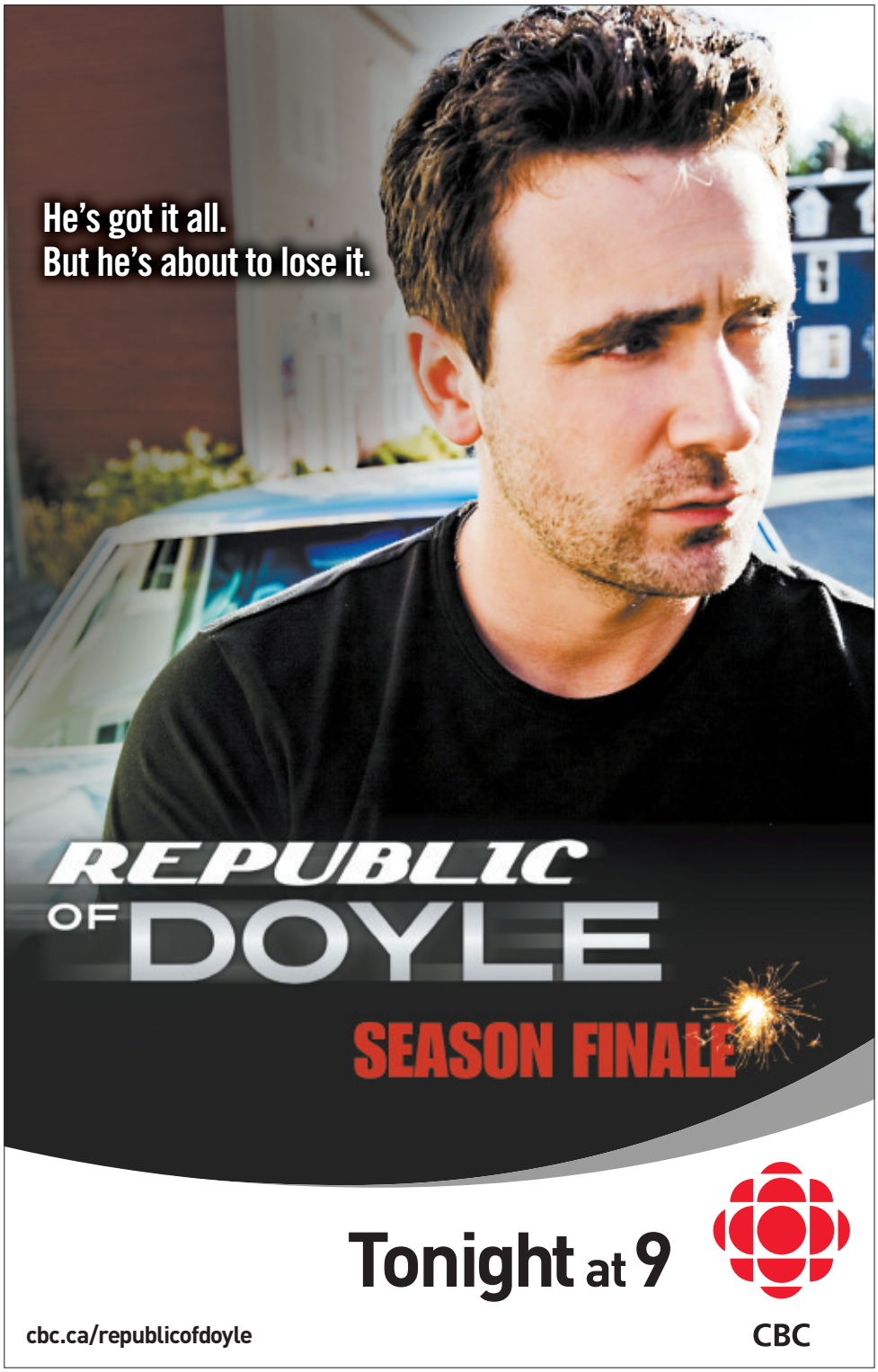
Lung diseases often missed

HEALTH Many patients with chronic bronchitis and emphysema aren't being diagnosed early enough by their family doctors, and more should be done to catch these cases and provide early treatment, a new study suggests.

The research, published yesterday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, found that almost 70 per cent of those confirmed to have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) had not been diagnosed with the condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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*United BioSource Corporation is a research organization that undertakes research on behalf of pharmaceutical and health care organizations world-wide. It focuses on issues relating to health economics, and quality of life, specializing in outcome studies, economic evaluations, and policy research.

Bombings continue in Baghdad 11

At least seven bombs ripped through apartment buildings across Baghdad yesterday and another struck a market, killing 49 people and wounding more than 160. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

A new nuclear option

Obama rewrites decades-old U.S. policy on use of weapons

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to constrain the use of the nation's Cold War-era nuclear arsenal, part of a bold but politically risky move aimed at discouraging nuclear technology from spreading.

Obama's plan, a sharp departure from his predecessor's policy, is a bid to play down the threat posed by nations like Russia and China while emphasizing the threat posed by terrorists or states believed to encourage terror.

"To stop the spread of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear terrorism, and pursue the day when these weapons do not exist, we will work aggressively to advance every element of our comprehensive agenda: To reduce arsenals, to secure vulnerable nuclear materials, and to strengthen" international agreements, Obama said in a statement.

Under the new plan, the U.S. promises not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them. The policy would not apply to states like North Korea and Iran, however, because of their refusal to co-operate on non-proliferation standards. Obama's plan would lessen the role nuclear weapons play in America's defence planning.

Democrats also praised the decision, while some Republicans said it could weaken the U.S. defence capability. Rep. Buck McKeon, the top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said the policy change could carry "clear consequences" for security and said he was troubled by "some of the language and perceived signals embedded" in the policy.

At a Pentagon news conference, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said the unprecedented limits being placed on the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not weaken the nation's defences and will send a "strong message" to Iran and North Korea to "play by the rules."

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UN reaction

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he welcomes Obama's reaffirmation of his commitment to a nuclear-free world and believes the new Nuclear Posture Review "is a timely initiative in that direction."

Sri Lanka **Sit-in protest**

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Anoma Fonseka, left, wife of former Sri Lankan army chief Sarath Fonseka, sits with Buddhist monks yesterday during a demonstration by supporters demanding Fonseka's release from prison in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Despite his detention, Fonseka is running for a seat in parliament in elections tomorrow.

Heavy rains, mudslides kill dozens in Rio

BRAZIL The heaviest rains in Rio de Janeiro's history triggered landslides yesterday that killed at least 81 people as rising water turned roads into rivers and paralyzed Brazil's second largest city.

The ground gave way in steep hillside slums, cutting red-brown paths of destruction through shantytowns. Concrete and wooden homes were crushed and hurtled downhill, only to bury other structures.

Twenty-nine centimetres of rain fell in less than 24 hours, with more expected. Officials said potential mudslides threatened at least 2,000 homes.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva urged Brazilians to pray for the rain to stop.

"This is the greatest flooding in the history of Rio de Janeiro, the biggest amount of rain in a single day," Silva told reporters in Rio.

"And when the man upstairs is nervous and makes it rain, we can only ask him to stop the rain in Rio de Janeiro so we can go on with life in the city."

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Oldest living American dies at 114
An Iowa woman who became the oldest living American less than a month ago has died. Neva Morris of Ames, Iowa, was 114 years, 245 days old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands call hotline to report church sex abuse

Nearly 2,700 people called the church's sexual abuse hotline in Germany in the first three days after it began operating March 30, a Catholic church spokesman said yesterday.

A team of psychologists and other experts had conversations with 394 people so far, ranging from several minutes up to an hour, Trier Diocese spokesman Stephan Kronenburg said.

"Most callers report cases of sexual abuse," he told The Associated Press.

Most of the callers are people who say they were victims of sexual abuse or their relatives, with some callers also reporting cases of physical abuse, he said.

"The boundaries between both are often loose," Kronenburg added.

The Catholic Church in Pope Benedict XVI's homeland has been rocked by a widening scandal of physical and sexual abuse in recent weeks, with hundreds of people who say they were victims coming forward.

Most cases date back years, if not decades, and the statute of limitations may have passed, Kronenburg said.

During the Easter holidays, several prominent bishops called for a "renewal" of the church and condemned the abuses cases as "heinous crimes."

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Thai protests costing merchants, tourism

BANGKOK Thailand's prime minister defended his government's gentle approach in dealing with tens of thousands of rowdy anti-government demonstrators who blocked roads yesterday in Bangkok.

Authorities moved thousands of troops in riot gear to confront the so-called Red Shirt demonstrators at their encampment in Bangkok's tourist district, where they have carried on their weekslong protest calling for Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to call new elections. Local merchants have complained the demonstrations have cost them millions, and luxury hotels have been under virtual siege. "The hotel is pretty much emptying out," said Four Seasons hotel manager Rainer Stamper.

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A Thai police officer is helped after being injured by a grenade fired at a police truck yesterday in Bangkok.

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Scarborough Rapid Transit Conversion and Extension

Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Study and Open Houses

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are holding two Open Houses where you can learn more about this transit project, ask questions and share your comments. Details are as follows:

Date: April 12, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Jean Vanier CSS
959 Midland Avenue
(north of Eglinton)

Date: April 15, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Chinese Cultural Centre
5183 Sheppard Avenue East
(at Progress)

Background
As part of Transit City, the City of Toronto and TTC are planning the conversion and extension of the existing Scarborough Rapid Transit (RT) line. The project will support economic development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide effective alternatives to driving. The project will double the passenger capacity of the Scarborough RT and provide fast, reliable and accessible service.

At the Open Houses, TTC and the City will present the preferred design for the Scarborough RT conversion and extension, as well as the identified environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures and proposed methods of construction.

The existing Scarborough RT line runs 6.5 kilometres from Kennedy Station to McCowan Road. Because the existing vehicles are reaching the end of their life expectancy, the existing exclusive right-of-way and stations must be modified to accommodate new LRT vehicles and to expand ridership capacity. The new LRT vehicles will be the same as those to be used on other Transit City Light Rail Transit (LRT) lines.

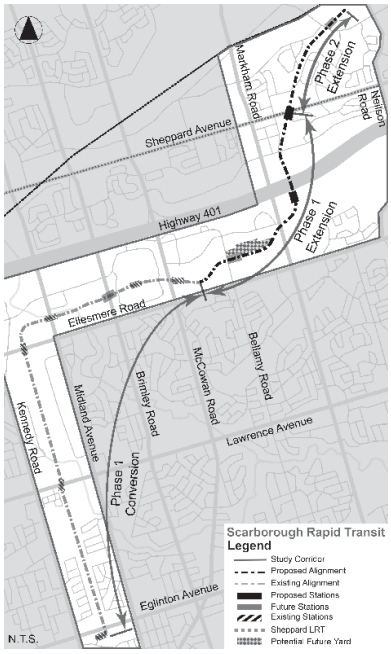
At Kennedy Station, improvements will also include a more direct connection between the Scarborough RT and Bloor-Danforth Subway platforms. Plans will also accommodate the new Eglinton Crosstown and Scarborough-Malvern LRT lines.

The 4.9 kilometre extension of the Scarborough RT from McCowan Road to Malvern Town Centre will provide rapid transit to northeast Scarborough, including a direct connection to the Sheppard East LRT. The first phase of the project will extend the line 3.4 kilometres from McCowan Station to Sheppard Avenue East, via an exclusive right-of-way. The second phase will extend the line 1.5 kilometres to Malvern Town Centre. New bus terminals are planned at Sheppard Avenue and Malvern Town Centre.

The Process
The environmental impact of the Scarborough RT Conversion (including Kennedy Station improvements) and Extension will be assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). An Environmental Project Report is being prepared as part of the Transit Project Assessment process.

Official Plan Amendment
An Official Plan Amendment will be required to amend the City's Official Plan, Map 4 - Higher Order Transit Corridors and possibly Map 5- Surface Transit Priority Network, to reflect the extension of the Scarborough RT north east from its existing terminus at McCowan Station.

Next Steps
Following the Open Houses, there will be an opportunity to incorporate feedback. Within 120 days, a formal public notice of study completion will then be issued. At that time, an Environmental Project Report will be made available for a 30 day review period on the project website: **www.toronto.ca/transitcity (see: Extension of the Scarborough Rapid Transit & Kennedy Station Improvements).** The Notice of Completion will include a number of locations to review a hard copy of the report.



Please attend to review the plan and share your comments and questions with project staff. If you would like to provide comments or obtain more information, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Israeli minister warns Palestinians

Israel Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman warned Palestinians yesterday against plans to unilaterally declare independence next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blast kills 25 miners

JEFF GENTNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michelle McKinney's father, Benny Willingham, was killed in an explosion at Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Coal Mine in West Virginia.

Four missing in worst U.S. mine disaster since 1984

A huge underground explosion blamed on methane gas killed 25 miners in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1984, and rescuers yesterday began a dangerous and possibly futile attempt to rescue four others still missing.

Crews were bulldozing an access road so they could drill 300 metres into the ground to release gases and make it safe to try to find the missing miners.

They were feared dead after the Monday afternoon blast at a mine with a history of violations for not properly ventilating highly combustible methane.

Some relatives of victims were angry that they had been told of the death of loved ones by officials, not Massey executives.

"These guys, they took a chance every day to work and make them big," said Michelle McKinney, whose father was killed. "And they couldn't even call us."

McKinney said her husband is a miner, too, and her 16-year-old son doesn't want him to go back to work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

75 Indian troops dead after attacks

INSURGENCY Maoist rebels launched a series of devastating attacks yesterday on government forces patrolling the forests of eastern India, killing at least 75 troops in the deadliest strike against the state in the 43-year insurgency.

The attack, which came amid a major Indian offensive aimed at crushing the Maoists, also known as Naxalites, fuelled concerns the government is sending poorly trained forces to the front lines to battle the raging insurgency.

The nation's top law enforcement official said the troops were part of a joint operation involving state forces and paramilitary fighters.

"But something has gone very wrong. They seemed to have walked into a trap set by the Naxalites." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Loonie dances with the Big Cheese

TheWestView

One way to tell the strength of the Canadian dollar — the length of the lineup at the border.

Last weekend, it was three hours long at the Peace Arch border crossing. It's hard to imagine anyone waiting three hours to buy discount cheese, but I admit there's something deeply satisfying about scoring a giant wedge of mellow yellow for about one-twelfth the cost at the local supermarket. A quick way to get in touch with your inner rodent.

As I write, I'm in the perfect place to view the loonie's run to parity with the U.S. dollar: The Mandalay Bay hotel, 14 floors above the Las Vegas strip with a view of the pyramid-shaped Luxor, that peculiar monument to the excess that was never ancient Egypt.

I flew down with a host of Canadian invaders on the day the loonie reached 99.9 cents US. Yesterday morning, for one brief shining moment, the two currencies were exactly equal. This is great news for the punters, who have experienced a 25 per cent increase in their buying power from a year ago. They are the lords and ladies of the slots, the buffet, and the outlet malls.

This dance of currencies is how Canadians keep score in our one-sided competition with our American cousins. But what does it mean, really? There's loose talk about how Canada's fundamentals are so good compared to the U.S.: Our deficit is lower, our exports are in greater demand, and we're nicer. Maybe that's true. But let's not forget that while our currencies are now equal, that's about it.

The U.S. ranks first in the world with a gross domestic product (GDP) of $14.27 trillion, while Canada barely squeaks into the top 10 with $1.4 trillion. The U.S. spends almost as much on its defence budget — $1.2 trillion.

It's a good time to pause and ask if we'd be feeling so pleased with ourselves if we weren't wrapped in a $1.2-trillion security blanket. Would our resources be so valuable and in such demand if we didn't have a reliable customer that always pays its bills? Ironically, much of the strength of our dollar versus theirs depends on their good graces.

I'm not arguing that "everything is good in America." Just spend 15 minutes strolling the legendary Vegas strip: It's a temple of unsustainability, not to mention cholesterol. Don't try this at home!

But let's not let the loonie lure us into a fool's paradise of our own. So, sit back, relax and wait your turn. It's a three-hour wait for the cheese.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: Are you cheering for Tiger Woods as he returns to golf at the Masters this week?

Anna Hayes
Toronto
A: No, there are more important things happening in the world other than Tiger Woods' comeback. I don't care what he's done; he's not the first or the last.

Nick Jenkins
Toronto
A: Yes, I will be cheering for him. He's a phenomenal golfer. His personal decisions have nothing to do with golf ... Golf is his job. He's good at it so let's just let him be.

Jen Beaudry
Toronto
A: I've lost respect for Tiger as a person and as an athlete. He's a cheater and a liar ... So, no, I will not be cheering for him as he returns to golf.

Darren McEwan
Ottawa
A: No. I'm not cheering against him. I'm just not cheering for him. I'm cheering for Mike Weir, a Canadian, to win it.

Sunny Deol
Burnaby, B.C.
A: No, I think he's a complete d-bag for everything he's done to his wife and kids.

Michael von Klitzing
Edmonton
A: I will be cheering for him. It will be the first time I am watching the Masters, and I'm looking just to see Tiger Woods' comeback. I'm excited to see how well he'll do, to see if he will choke or not.

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High Liner sees frugal U.S. shoppers keeping sales afloat

The CEO of High Liner Foods predicts the company's U.S. sales this year will be helped by frugal Americans who buy more frozen seafood for home cooking and aging baby boomers who want to reduce calories by eating fish. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Parity, yes, but not in stores: Experts

Loonie breached key level but closed a fraction lower

The loonie returned to parity for the first time in 20 months yesterday, but analysts and retailers say Canadians shouldn't expect to see price parity in stores.

Buoyed by strong Canadian fundamentals and the currency's upward momentum, the loonie hovered around parity with the U.S. dollar most of the day, reaching as high as 100.12¢ US, before settling a fraction below the line at 99.88¢. But economists say it is only a matter of time — maybe days — before the currency stakes its ground above the line for an extended period.

"Canada is the new Switzerland of stability, but with domestic assets the world wants," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital.

Mark Beazley of the Retail Council of Canada said parity will inevitably lead to pressure on retailers to match prices on everything from clothes to electronics to automobiles with the U.S., in part because the comparison is easy to make. But he cautions that the value of the currency is only one of many factors that determine prices.

"Canada is one-tenth the size of the U.S. market so Canadian retailers aren't getting the volume discounts their American counterparts are getting, and we have higher labour costs, higher import taxes, unique (bilingual) labelling requirements," he explained.

Analysts said the adjustments could take months or even years.

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Illegal cigarettes hurt convenience store sales

STORES Canada's convenience stores were hammered last year by higher credit card fees, contraband cigarettes and the economic recession, according to an industry-sponsored study.

Illegal tobacco sales continued to cost stores more than $2.5 billion in annual sales and $260 million in profits, said the report prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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Canadians purchased $31.9 billion worth of goods and gasoline from convenience stores last year.

More than 10.4 million visits are made daily to the country's 23,228 neighbourhood stores.

The industry is heavily dependent on cigarette sales. Two out of every three cigarettes sold legally in Canada are purchased in convenience stores.

Credit card fees accounted for $200 million in costs, some $50 million of that as a result of a recent increase in processing fees by major card companies.

The industry's profitability was also hurt by an average five per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Overall, the net profitability of convenience stores was barely holding at about one per cent, about half the level in 2008.

The steady erosion of profits forced companies to control costs and generate traffic through the introduction of fresh food.

The future is expected to remain challenging as the maturing industry faces slowing sales growth, the study said.

That has forced consolidation as many independent retailers have joined large chains or buying groups.

The recession also had its toll as consumers used less gasoline, which generated less traffic in stores. The industry also faced heightened competition with other food retailers.

Hurt by falling gasoline prices, convenience store sales fell by 3.6 per cent in 2009 after rising by 12.2 per cent in 2008. Supermarket sales increased by 4.4 and 4.2 per cent in each of the last two years.

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U.S. cable giant Comcast wins Internet blocking case

TRAFFIC A U.S. federal appeals court ruled yesterday that the Federal Communications Commission lacks the authority to require broadband providers to give equal treatment to all Internet traffic flowing over their networks.

The ruling is a big victory for Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company. It had challenged the FCC's authority to impose "net neutrality" obligations on broadband providers.

The ruling also marks a serious setback for the FCC, which is trying to officially set net neutrality regulations to prevent phone and cable companies from using their control over Internet access to favour some online content and services over others.

The court case centred on Comcast's challenge of a 2008 FCC order banning it from blocking its broadband subscribers from using online file-sharing technology BitTorrent.

The commission based its order on a set of net-neutrality principles it adopted in 2005 to prevent broadband providers from becoming online gatekeepers. Those principles have guided the FCC's enforcement of communications laws on a case-by-case basis.

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Flat results a relief: Forzani CEO

RETAIL Sporting goods retailer Forzani Group Ltd.'s latest financial results held steady even as it faced the worst recession in 70 years, an unseasonably warm winter and significant one-time costs.

"While flat results are never satisfying, our team managed well under the circumstances and for the year," chief executive Robert Sartor said yesterday.

"We outperformed both our Canadian retail peer group and the North American sporting goods peer group in the key same-store sales metric."

The Calgary-based company said its fourth-quarter net income was $22.9 million, or 75 cents per share, down from $24.2 million, or 80 cents per share, in the year-ago period. Revenue was $372.9 million during the three months ended Jan. 31, down from $380.8 million a year ago.

For Forzani's entire 2010 financial year, which ended Jan. 31, net income was $28.8 million, compared to $29.6 million in 2009. In both years, the earnings amounted to 94 cents per share.

Forzani operates 540 stores under several banners, including Athletes World, Sport Mart, Sports Experts, Intersport, Fitness Source and Nevada Bob's Golf.

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Robert Sartor, CEO of Forzani Group, says the retailer outperformed its peer group in the last quarter.

U.S. investor buys into Virgin Money

INVESTING U.S. billionaire investor Wilbur Ross has bought a 21 per cent stake in Richard Branson's Virgin Money, backing the British entrepreneur's bid to buy hundreds of branches of the government-owned Royal Bank of Scotland.

Ross, who made his fortune investing in struggling steel and oil companies, paid $152 million US under the deal.

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Business in brief

AUTOS Renault SA and Nissan Motor Co. will unveil a wide-ranging three-way tie-up with German automaker Daimler AG today aimed at bolstering their offerings in small, energy-efficient vehicles amid an industry slump that has ravaged earnings. The partnership will see the companies exchange small stakes of around three per cent, officials said. The carmakers aim to share engines and small-car platforms for Daimler's Smart car and Renault's Twingo, The Wall Street Journal reported. They also would collaborate on research and development of hybrids, battery-powered vehicles and other fuel-efficient technologies.

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WestJet flies more passengers
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TSX sees more IPOs

New stock listings so far match all of 2009

There's been a revival of new stock listings on the Toronto Stock Exchange, according to a study by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Four companies made initial public offerings on Canada's main stock market in the first three months of 2010 — equalling the number of IPOs for all of 2009.

In the first quarter of 2009, when the Canadian and global economies were deep in recession, there were no IPOs on the TSX.

In contrast, the four IPOs so far this year generated $442.7 million for the companies that began selling their shares on the public market, and represented most of the $464.6 million raised on all Canadian exchanges during the quarter.

PricewaterhouseCoopers says another 12 IPOs were made on the TSX Venture Exchange and other exchanges in the first quarter, representing $21.9 million, higher than the $2.4 million raised a year ago.

PwC's Neil Manji said the latest results mark a "significant reversal from the drought-like conditions of the past two years."

"What we're seeing is continued confidence for new equity offerings that began late last year," he said.

"The past three months showed us the investor appetite for quality issues from the energy, mining, real estate and services sectors." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vale Inco strike **Dubious milestone**

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The increasingly bitter labour dispute at Vale Inco's operations in Sudbury and other Canadian locations yesterday became the longest strike in the mining company's century-long history. More than 3,000 workers have been on strike in Sudbury and at Vale's smaller operations in Port Colborne since July 13, now beating the dubious record of eight months, three weeks and two days set during a strike at Inco in 1978-79.

MDC buys New York-based PR company

ACQUISITION MDC Partners Inc. said yesterday it has acquired a majority interest in New York-based public relations firm Sloane & Company.

The Toronto-based company said it's part of a move to boost MDC's presence in the marketing communications spectrum.

Sloane & Company specializes in communications, public affairs and crisis communications for multinational organizations, and its roster includes Walgreens and TiVo.

"We believe that most of the innovative initiatives happening in marketing communications today are happening within the public relations arena," MDC chairman and CEO Miles Nadal said in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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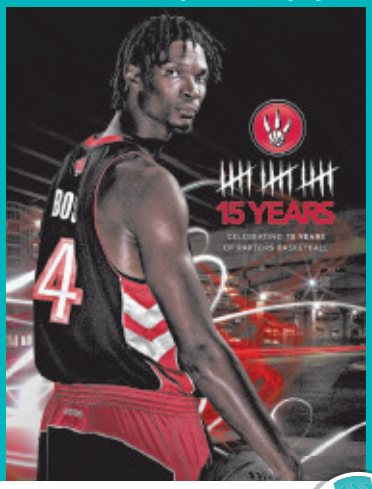

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Sports

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Playoff hopes, Bosh both take a beating

NBA RESULTS

Raptors 101 **Cavaliers** 113

Flattened by an inadvertent elbow, Toronto all-star forward Chris Bosh broke a bone in his face last night as the Raptors' playoff hopes took a blow with a 113-101 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who have won 11 straight at home.

Bosh was accidentally struck by Cleveland's Antawn Jamison in the first three minutes. Bosh, who had blood dripping from his nose and mouth area as he was assisted from the floor, was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for a CT scan.

Following the game, the Raptors said in a statement that tests showed Bosh suffered a "maxilla and nasal fracture to the right side of his face." Bosh, who returned to Quicken Loans Arena in the fourth quarter, will not travel with the team from Cleveland. Instead, he was to stay in a hospital overnight for further evaluation.

Bosh's injury couldn't have come at a worse time for the Raptors, who entered the night clinging to the No. 8 playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

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Blood drips from Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh during the first quarter of last night's game against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Leafs drop final home game to Flyers

NHL RESULTS

Flyers 2 **Leafs** 0

The Toronto Maple Leafs home schedule ended exactly the way it started — with a loss in a close game.

Brian Boucher stopped all 23 shots he faced last night to lift the Philadelphia Flyers to a 2-0 victory over the Maple Leafs in the final game played at Air Canada Centre this season.

Claude Giroux scored on a first-period power-play and Mike Richards hit an empty net for Philadelphia (40-34-6).

J.S. Giguere made 21 saves for the Maple Leafs (29-37-14), who finish the year with road games in New York and Montreal.

Only 11 of the 20 players who dressed on opening night were in the lineup for last night's finale.

"We're a different team (now)," said Leafs coach Ron Wilson. "Whatever people want to say about our team, you can't compare the first half or the first two-thirds with the last third because it's an entirely different team."

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 2 TORONTO 1
Ottawa 5 Florida 2
N.Y. Islanders 4 Montreal 3 (SO)
Philadelphia 2 Toronto 0
Buffalo 5 N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 8 Tampa Bay 5
New Jersey 3 Atlanta 0
Washington 6 Pittsburgh 3
Chicago at Dallas
San Jose at Calgary
Colorado at Vancouver
Los Angeles at Anaheim

TODAY'S GAMES

TORONTO at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

	GP	G
Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh	77	47
Alex Ovechkin Washington	69	46
Steven Stamkos Tampa Bay	78	46
Patrick Marleau San Jose	79	43
Marian Gaborik NY Rangers	72	41
Ilya Kovalchuk ATL-NJ	72	40
Dany Heatley San Jose	79	39

Not including last night's games

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 113 TORONTO 101
Charlotte 109 Atlanta 100
Detroit 124 Philadelphia 103
Houston 113 Memphis 103
Milwaukee 79 Chicago 74
New York 104 Boston 101
Washington 112 Golden State 94
Oklahoma City at Utah
San Antonio at Sacramento

TODAY'S GAMES

Boston at TORONTO, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Tampa Bay 4 Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees at Boston
Minnesota at L.A. Angels
Seattle at Oakland

TODAY'S AL GAMES

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
TORONTO at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

San Francisco 3 Houston 0
Colorado at Milwaukee
San Diego at Arizona

TODAY'S NL GAMES

Colorado at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

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STANDINGS*
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NAME	LOCATION	GP	G	A	PTS
1. Brian B	AB, CA	1043	434	611	1045
2. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	1045	443	600	1043
3. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	1015	420	609	1029
4. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	1034	419	600	1019
5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
12. Calvin Lewis	NS, CA	1034	407	590	997
13. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	1020	402	593	995
14. Grant Greenfield	AB, CA	1000	438	554	992
15. Sarah Jackson	ON, CA	984	371	619	990

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Letterman has offer for Butler coach

David Letterman offered Butler's Brad Stevens a year of his salary to take over his alma mater, Ball State. The Late Show host was joking, of course, when he interviewed the NCAA runner-up's coach via satellite yesterday. Stevens responded by complimenting Ball State's Billy Taylor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tiger Woods plays a shot during a practice round yesterday prior to the Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

Woods set for late start

Will tee off at 1:42 p.m. tomorrow

Thousands of fans are following Tiger Woods around Augusta National during practice rounds. Millions more around the world will be able to watch when he officially makes his return to golf at the Masters tomorrow.

Woods was put in the next-to-last group for the opening round — his first meaningful shot since his private life unravelled in sordid tales of infidelity five months ago. His 1:42 p.m. tee time fits perfectly into live television coverage (TSN, 4 p.m. ET).

Joining the world's No. 1 player will be K.J. Choi and Matt Kuchar.

"It's funny, because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," Choi said when he walked off the 18th green yesterday. "I like playing with big crowds."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., tees off at 9:40 a.m. and is paired with Lee Westwood and amateur Matteo Manassero.

Woods did not speak to the media yesterday, yet he remains very much the centre of attention at this Masters. The first big hurdle was going public — playing golf before fans and speaking to the media for the first time since Nov. 15.

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The next big test comes tomorrow, when he starts keeping score. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competition before a major championship — the 2006 U.S. Open after his father died and the 2008 U.S. Open after knee surgery — but he has never come to Augusta National without any type of a tuneup.

Few other golf courses require so much precision, even more when it's hot and dry as it has been all week.

"It's a very stressful course to play when you're in a major championship," British Open champion Stewart Cink said. "It's a really difficult test, and it comes at you with every shot. If your game is up to it, and your mentality is up to it, then you can succeed and you can play well and have some confidence.

"But if you are wavering in any way, the course just identifies that and it just spits you out."

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Monster nets Masterton nod

AWARD Rickard Wallin was standing in the Bell Centre corridor and knew something wasn't right.

Toronto Maple Leafs teammate Jonas (Monster) Gustavsson didn't return to the ice at the end of the first intermission, so Wallin went to investigate. When he walked into the visitors locker room, he found a disturbing sight — the 25-year-old Gustavsson was spread out on the floor and in some duress.

Gustavsson would undergo his second heart ablation surgery a couple of days after the Dec. 1 game and faced another few weeks of recovery. It certainly wasn't the way he envisioned the start of his NHL career.

However, the goaltender's fortunes have been improving ever since and culminated with him being named Toronto's nominee for the Masterton Trophy yesterday. The award recognizes "perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey" and is voted on by the Professional Hockey Writers' Association.

Gustavsson will get his final start of the season when the Maple Leafs visit the New York Rangers tonight.

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Olympic gold and Red Wings post-season push leave little down time for Mike Babcock.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Lionel Messi scored four times as Barcelona beat Arsenal 4-1 to reach the Champions League semifinals for the third straight year yesterday. Barcelona plays group stage rival Inter Milan next after the Serie A champions beat CSKA Moscow 2-0 on aggregate.

BASEBALL Tests on the injured right shoulder of Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street show no major damage. Rockies manager Jim Tracy said Street was checked Monday by noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews. Tracy said an MRI exam came back clean.

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers were the only CFL team to exceed the $4.2-million salary cap last year, the league announced yesterday. The Blue Bombers finished the season $44,687 over the cap and were therefore fined that amount by the league.

TENNIS Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Russia beat Yvonne Meusburger of Austria 6-3, 6-0 yesterday to reach the second round of the Andalucia Open.

BASEBALL Baseball players are threatening to file a collusion grievance charging owners with conspiring against free agents last winter. New players' association head Michael Weiner told The Associated Press yesterday the union has concerns, but owners deny any wrongdoing.

HOCKEY Craig MacTavish's coaching staff for the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship is set. Peter DeBoer and Billy Moores will join MacTavish behind the Canadian bench at next month's tournament in Germany. DeBoer is currently finishing his second season as the head coach of the Florida Panthers. Moores spent nine years as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers under MacTavish and is currently a pro scout for the team.

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McNabb begins 'new chapter'

"Sometimes you're forced into change."
Donovan McNabb

NFL The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced yesterday at Redskins Park. All things being equal, he would rather be preparing for a 12th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan."

"I've always believed in finishing where you started," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that. Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change. I would have loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen."

Instead, he is with the Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both went to great lengths to say that trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment. They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind that."

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Koe suffers first loss

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Kevin Koe throws his rock yesterday against Scotland.

CURLING Kevin Koe's perfect run at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship is over.

Veteran German Andreas Kapp posted a 9-6 win over the Edmonton skip yesterday, ending a six-game winning streak in Koe's tournament debut.

Koe opened the day with a dominating 6-2 win over Scotland's Warwick Smith to take sole possession of first place in the standings at 6-0.

But the Canadians struggled in the evening draw, eventually losing to a Kapp rink desperate for a win to keep its playoff hopes alive.

"Well, we didn't play well and that's what happens," said Koe. "That was a big win for them and not a good loss for us. We kind of gave away the game early and just didn't play well."

Koe said Kapp's experience played a part in the win. "These guys have been around," said Koe. "This is about their 15th worlds, they've played lots of these and they played well."

The loss dropped Koe into a three-way tie with Scotland and Norway atop the standings at 6-1.

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TFC signs goalie with eye to future

MLS Toronto FC signed goalkeeper Milos Kocic with the dual aim of developing him for the future and adding depth to the position.

The 24-year-old was selected 21st overall by D.C. United in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. He has played in Serbia and was part of the youth system of his hometown team Dubocica Leskovac.

He made his professional debut with D.C. United last April. Kocic will be listed behind starter Stefan Frei and backup Jon Conway, who was signed last month.

"Kocic is a good young 'keeper," Toronto FC director of soccer Mo Johnston said in a release issued yesterday.

"Having him here will be good protection for us at this position. He'll learn not only from our coaches, but will be able to work with our other two great 'keepers — Stefan and Jon — that will only benefit him down the road."

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Semenya will wait for gender test results

Caster Semenya will wait for the results of her gender verification tests before returning to competitive running, saying yesterday that she will race June 24 at a meet in Zaragoza, Spain. The results of the tests are expected in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

NFL The Minnesota Vikings may have finally found their quarterback of the future: Brett Favre is now a grandfather. His 21-year-old daughter, Brittany, has given birth to a boy — Parker Brett. The baby weighed in at seven pounds seven ounces.

BASEBALL The percentage of Major League Baseball players born outside the United States dipped slightly from last year. It was 27.7 per cent at the start of this season, down from 28 per cent on opening day in 2009. The Dominican Republic leads with 86 players in the majors, while Canada was in fifth place with 13 players.

NHL Vancouver Canucks forward Ryan Johnson will miss at least the first round of the NHL playoffs with a broken foot. Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said yesterday that the oft-injured fourth-line centre, a noted shot-blocker, will be sidelined four to six weeks with the injury. The 33-year-old Thunder Bay native has been limited to 58 games this year.

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Brand new identity awaits Maple Leafs

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Phil Kessel will be one of Toronto's leaders as the club looks to usher in a new era.

There, there, Maple Leafs fans. The heartbreak of another lost season will go away soon.

Granted, the spiritual trauma probably won't disappear instantly following the Leafs' final games of the NHL's 2009-10 regular-season campaign. And it will probably linger all the way through the league's entry draft, when one of Taylor Hall, Tyler Seguin or Cam Fowler likely will be drafted by Boston with Toronto's first-round pick the Bruins acquired in the trade for Phil Kessel.

But once July 1 rolls around — and Leafs GM Brian Burke goes shopping for a few free agents to bolster his lineup — the pain of five seasons without Toronto in the playoffs will begin to recede.

And once Burke trades longtime blue-line star Tomas Kaberle (for either a draft pick and prospects, or a veteran forward who can help immediately) this summer, the team will have a completely new identity for fans to embrace.

Next season, Toronto will be led by youngsters Kessel, Tyler Bozak, Nikolai Kulemin, Carl Gunnarsson and Jonas Gustavsson (assuming the latter in that group is re-signed).

A scrappy, youthful Leafs squad might make the postseason — although in the weaker Eastern Conference, a team comprised of myself, yourself, and a collection of peewee players could grab that eighth playoff seed — but even if they don't, there will be a growing core of developing talent with which to build.

You couldn't say that about Toronto's teams in recent years. By and large, the Leafs' off-season intrigue since the 2005-06 lockout has centred around which bloated contracts of over-the-hill players would be bought out, and which additional Band-Aid solutions would be undertaken to keep the franchise "competitive" (i.e. good enough to be out of the NHL's basement).

Come next September, Burke and head coach Ron Wilson will have removed virtually every link to Toronto's rotten modern hockey history. Finally, the slate will be fully clean.

The Leafs' future isn't yet bright enough to require shades.

However, at least their fans won't need a lifetime supply of Kleenex just to make it to the fall of 2011.

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Future of Queen's law library uncertain
The head law librarian at Queen's University says the institution may lose its law library if cuts to the school's library system continue. The librarian says 16 library staff positions have been cut since 2004-05, and she anticipates more cuts in the future. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Dealing with McMaster's crisis

McMaster University has struck a three-member panel tasked with resolving a conflict in the institution's business school, where faculty have been divided on the issue of Dean Paul Bates' leadership. One faculty group accuses Bates of high-handed management, while the other believes he has been unfairly targeted. The dean will continue in his position and is expected to work in consultation with the panel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Communication breakdown

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

What you say isn't half as important as they way you do — or don't — say it.

Sound ridiculous? Consider this: How many of us have walked out of a job screening thinking we aced it? Our answers were wittily smooth, providing great insight into our character and abilities while our resumé was a perfect response to the job description? Still, we didn't get that anticipated call back.

Here's a possible reason. In job interviews, common perception is that what we say has more weight than how it's conveyed. However, as author Alison Craig reveals in her latest book Hello Job (Blue Monarch Press), one often overlooked aspect of job hunting is the mannerisms we employ when searching for, well, employ.

"Nonverbal communication is one more piece to the communication puzzle and even dominates the picture, ranging from your body language and facial expressions to your voice and, of course, your overall image," she asserts.

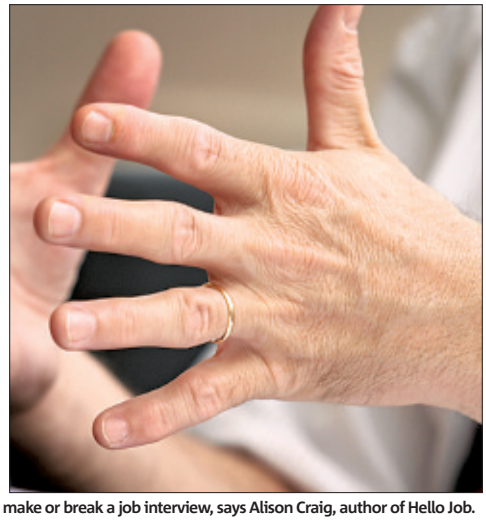
Looking at it that way, it's clear how a spotless work history might not be a deal-clincher. Craig notes that regaling those rehearsed speeches about our strengths and weaknesses invariably prove more successful when combined with effective body language, a mode of articulation most Human Resources professionals are highly trained in reading/understanding yet we commonly overlook.

> **"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you. Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something"** Alison Craig on HR professionals

"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you," she says. "Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something from the interviewer. Closed body language such as crossed legs, purses/brief cases on your lap or arms fully crossed across the chest is an unintentional warning telling others to keep their distance; that we are disinterested in what is going on," Craig charges, adding that hunched shoulders indicate being over-stressed or lazy; careless about our position.

So how do we tackle these unwitting, soundless modes of correspondence? While it seems embarrassing, she advocates private rehearsals in order to maximize positive nonverbal communication.

"Practice doing a mock interview with yourself in the mirror. If you can honestly step back and look at yourself as others see you, you will quickly notice (nonverbal communication). You don't want to memorize your answers but by practising those interview questions, they won't feel so foreign to you anymore."



Nonverbal communication, such as hand gestures and eye contact can make or break a job interview, says Alison Craig, author of Hello Job.

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Employee lost sight of who 'calls the shots'

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Make sure you pay attention to performance improvement plans when they are offered by your employer.

Sometimes employees too easily confuse who gets to call the legal shots. Believing that their job is an entitlement, some workers try to take the law into their own hands. They are often mistaken. This is the tale of one employee who learned this lesson the hard way.

Working out of the Toronto-area offices of Software developer VoiceGenie Technologies, Crinu Iliescu quickly wore out his welcome. Hired only 15 months earlier as a Software Q.A. Manager, Iliescu swiftly lost the firm's trust after his response to a manager's email accusing him of underperformance. Iliescu wrote his boss, the HR manager and the president with five demands he required them to meet before he would return to work.

The next day Iliescu did return to work but found that his access to the computer system and security pass had been removed. He was then met with a "performance improvement plan," detailing the company's concerns about his behaviour and setting out its expectations from him in the future. Iliescu reacted by rejecting the performance guidelines and declaring that his return to work would occur only when his concerns were fully addressed.

VoiceGenie told Iliescu that its performance plan was not negotiable or subject to his approval and that he was to immediately return to work. When Iliescu did not, VoiceGenie concluded that he had abandoned his position and fired him. Believing that he had been wrongfully dismissed, Iliescu sued the company and its president for nearly one million dollars.

At trial, Justice Randall Echlin found that it was simply not open to Iliescu to reject the performance plan and provide his employer with an ultimatum that it must meet his concerns. VoiceGenie had a "legal right to require a minimum level of performance," and instead of working with his employer, Iliescu became adversarial, thinking he was entitled to negotiate terms, wrote Justice Echlin. When Iliescu refused to work after receiving notice that his attendance was required, he effectively resigned. Recently, the Court of Appeal also agreed, dismissing Iliescu's case.

Iliescu simply lost sight of who was entitled to call the shots. While employees do retain certain rights, rejecting a reasonable performance improvement plan is usually a poor option. Even if such a plan is imposed in bad faith, which often does occur, protest the plan in writing and continue to work in the meantime. You retain the right to complain at a later time without jeopardizing your employment.

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It's a long road to fill accounting positions

For already-stretched accounting departments, waiting a month for help may seem like an eternity. Yet, a recent survey found it can take at least that long for employers to hire for open positions. Chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed said it takes an average of four weeks to fill a staff-level role and five weeks to bring a new manager on board.

Filling accounting positions is hard work according to a recent survey. When a strong candidate is identified, don't procrastinate.

The Robert Half survey is based on interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs from a stratified random sample of companies.

"Even in this cautious hiring environment, managers need to focus on their staff levels," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half. "Operating with a team that's too lean could cause firms to lose out on future business opportunities and lead to employee burnout."

According to Messmer, having a nimble hiring process in place is critical to securing top employees. "Professionals with in-demand skills always have options, and firms that don't move quickly to secure these individuals risk losing their top choices to other opportunities."

Robert Half offers managers tips to make the hiring process as efficient as possible:

- **Stay front and centre:** Don't delegate the hiring process. You know best what you want in an employee. Avoid delays or, worse, potential hiring mistakes by remaining closely involved in the process from beginning to end.
- **Stick to a game plan:** Before resumés start coming in, develop a method for evaluating them consistently. Using the job description as a base, make note of key criteria you're looking for from applicants, and search for those same attributes in each resume you receive.
- **Get help:** Specialized recruiters can help you pinpoint your needs. And their networks provide access to people you might not locate on your own, including professionals who may not be actively looking but would make a change for the right opportunity.
- **Don't delay:** When you identify strong applicants, don't procrastinate. Top performers are in demand in any market. By moving too slowly, you risk losing your first choice — and extending the hiring process.

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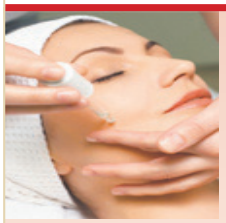

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Polo on top

The Volkswagen Polo, left, has been named the World Car of the Year. The Audi R8 won Performance Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Camaro was named Design of the Year at the New York International Auto Show. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Long live the station wagon

VW Golf stretched to max to make room for utility and style

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for Metro Canada

The 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon, the biggest Golf ever, adds family-hauling, cargo-carrying ability to a stylish and sophisticated package.

Ah, station wagons. They originated as "depot hacks" to carry passengers and luggage from train station to hotel.

Then they evolved into Boomer family haulers and cross-country tourers before gradually degenerating into bloated and vinyl-clad irrelevance, battered by energy crises and compact car revolutions before being supposedly killed off by the advent of the minivan.

But it seems that rumours of their death have been somewhat exaggerated.

Station wagons are back, an evolutionary rebound from SUV excess, regaining their original popularity with a modern mix of utilitarian practicality, contemporary style and perky performance.

Take the 2010 Golf Wagon for example.

With a starting price of $22,675, the Golf Wagon is a cheaper entry into German-engineered utility than most Euro-SUVs or crossovers. And yet it offers acceptable, compact-style family seating and loads of cargo-carrying ability, a natural fit for multi-purpose business needs, weekend getaway gear haulage, or for families with pets.

The Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever with 930 litres of luggage space behind the rear seats, expanding to an impressive 1890 litres with the 60/40 second row folded flat.

That's roomier than the cargo rating of VW's Tiguan compact SUV. It rivals the larger Touareg's numbers and even surpasses the maximum luggage space of the bigger Passat Wagon.

From the driver's seat, it's easy to forget about cargo space as you look around a premium passenger cabin that is elegantly symmetrical with evident quality in content and construction. Simple, round red-needled gauges are brilliantly lit in white.

Outside, this sixth generation Golf Wagon pays tribute to the first generation Golf with a radiator grille horizontally aligned between the headlights. For a wagon, it's unexpectedly sleek. It's low-slung, sporty lines and very "un-wagonish" persona surprised me every time that I walked up to it.

The 2010 VW Golf Wagon comes in varying trim levels with a choice of two engine versions — gasoline or TDI Clean Diesel.

It comes standard with a five-speed manual or optional six-speed automatic. My real world combined results with the slightly more frugal automatic averaged out to 10.1L/100km. This gasoline-powered variant starts with the base Trendline model, moving upscale to a Comfortline trim level.

Stick to the speed limit on a long highway run and you might actually reach VW's boasted range of 1190 km on a single tank. My more realistic combined averages, as usual, worked out closer to the city rating, returning me 6.5L/100km.

Regardless of personal preferences, trim selections or even powertrain choices, the 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon blends quality and content in a package that is elegantly stylish and eminently practical.

Long live the station wagon.

2010 VW Golf Wagon

Type: Five-door compact wagon
Price: from $22,675
Engine: 2.5-litre inline 20-valve five-cylinder; 2.0-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder common rail diesel

Highlights

- Biggest Golf ever
- Choice of gasoline and TDI clean diesel
- Stylish

LEDs light up future

TECH The latest technology that is changing the face of cars is the Light-Emitting Diode (LED). LEDs which are smaller, brighter and can be configured together are gradually replacing conventional incandescent and halogen bulbs.

Audi is lighting the way in terms of LED use. Currently it makes more use of the technology than any other manufacturer, using the lights to create a unique look for the front and rear of its cars.

The A1, A4, A5, and R8 all have LED running lights making them stand out.

The rest of the car industry is following suit. Many recent concept cars have used LEDs to add visual interest, suggesting that we can expect to see their use on cars other than Audis soon.

LEDs, though more expensive, are used because they illuminate quickly. This means they are particularly safe when used for rear taillights. Vehicle designers like them because they offer greater design flexibility. As the bulbs are much smaller, they take up less space, meaning that they are more versatile allowing designers the opportunity to create lighting "shapes."

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Car owners, rise and shine

Washing and cleaning a car is not as simple as you think.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, and I don't wonder where the birdie is? Because they just did their business on my car!

Even if the birdies spared your vehicle, this would be a great time to get out there with a brush and a bucket.

Here are some helpful hints that you might have forgotten, and that address recent developments in paint and wheel finishes and car washing products.

They were brought to our attention through conversations with two car washing experts: Jim Dvorak of Mothers Polish, and Rachel Agnew of Black Magic (a division of Shell Lubricants).

Essential car-cleaning tools & supplies

- Positive shut-off hose nozzle
- Wheel and Tire Cleaner
- Dedicated brush and bucket for wheel and tire cleaning
- Biodegradable car wash
- Two wash mitts and two buckets for body washing
- Microfibre drying and polishing towels
- Protectant for vinyl and rubber (including tires)
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- Wax
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WHEELING: Do the wheels first, says Agnew, and one at a time. Don't apply wheel cleaner when the wheel is hot, and don't leave it on too long. Dvorak cautions to know your wheel's make-up. All modern factory aluminum wheels have a coating — they need paint polish, not aluminum polish.

SOAPING: For soaping a car down, I prefer to use a live squirrel. But Dvorak recommends a sheepskin or lambs wool wash mitt for the main body (above the beltline), and second mitt (microfibre "mop head" or "chenille") for the dirtier lower body. This lowers your chances of scratching paint with dirt particles in your mitt. Agnew reminds us not to use dish soap, which will certainly strip away any wax you've applied. Car wash soap is milder and is designed to carry dirt away when rinsed. Use two buckets: one to rinse dirt off the mitt, the other to put clean suds on the mitt.

RINSING AND DRYING: The key to a successful "dry" is a great "rinse." Dvorak suggests taking off your hose's spray nozzle, and lowering the water stream so it just shoots out about a foot. Then work to get a "sheeting" action on each body panel, before moving on to the next panel. When the water comes off in "sheets" there is less waiting for you to dry off. Dvorak has a vendetta for the old-school leather chamois — they're too grabby. They take wax off, and can even scratch some of the newer (and softer, water-based) finishes. Plush terry cloth or plush microfibre work best.

WAXING: There is a misconception that vehicles with clear coat paint finishes do not need wax. You want to protect your clear coat, as you would any coat. Our experts recommend waxing every eight to 12 weeks. New synthetic wax products are very easy to polish off, even if left on for hours (unlike carbuna wax, which sometimes needs to be chiseled off). Dvorak adds that many people are revisiting the benefits of the "pre-wax" clay bar. After applying clay bar lubricant, you simply run the clay bar along the body panels, to pick up any dirt, metal flakes, pollutants, etc., that have imbedded themselves into the paint.

GREENING: Use biodegradable car-wash soap, and a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose to conserve water. If you're cleaning oily stuff, make sure it goes down a drain routed to a treatment plant. "Regular" dirt can go down a sewer drain (but first check municipality by-laws).

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Scion has presented two new production vehicles at the New York Auto Show: The 2011 iQ premium micro-subcompact, and the 2011 sports coupe. The tC is scheduled to arrive in dealerships this fall, while the iQ will go on sale in early 2011. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

Toyota Camry built on solid reputation

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

A newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Toyota Camry from a certified dealer program is a good bet for long-term confidence.

MODEL: 2002 to 2005 Toyota Camry
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $5,500 to $15,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Building on generations of reliability and owner satisfaction, the last-generation Toyota Camry was bought as a proven, no-nonsense machine by thousands of Canadians. If you're looking for a level-headed used family sedan, they don't get much more sensible than this.

Second Gear

Used Camry shoppers in this generation can choose between a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with 157 horsepower, or a 3-litre V6 with 192. Later in Camry's life, the V6 was up-sized to 3.3 litres, and horsepower climbed to 220.

The four-cylinder engine should prove adequate for most drivers, though the V6 is popular with those after added performance, and those who frequently travel with a carload of occupants and gear.

All Camry models were front wheel drive, and an automatic or manual transmission were available — depending on the selected engine.

Lower-end Camry's got an "LE" designation, while more upscale units were badged "SE" or "XLE" in top-line trim. Shoppers can look for a sunroof, remote entry, power accessories, power seats, antilock brakes and automatic climate control.

A six-CD changer, steering wheel mounted audio controls and an auto-dimming rearview mirror were available, too.

The Camry wasn't a car anyone bought for excitement, though it was available very nicely equipped.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Last-generation Camry owners typically report satisfaction with the ride quality, roomy interior and fuel mileage. The big trunk and available V6 performance were commonly praised, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Typical owner complaints deal with Camry's bland looks and character. Some owners also wish for better visibility, more comfortable seats and more agile handling, too.

COMMON ISSUES: If you're shopping for an earlier Camry in this generation, scrutinize its steering while driving in a straight line. Question any "pull" you experience through the wheel, as there are many well-documented cases of an apparently unfixable alignment issue at the start of this generation.

Early Camry models in this generation may also have a higher likelihood of transmission trouble, according to owners forums. Several reports of failed transmissions are documented — so use extra caution on earlier automatic models. Ensure fluid and filter changes are up to date, and opt for the manual transmission if possible.

Check tire wear and brake condition, noting any abnormal tread wear or squealing noises. Assume the vehicle's former owner is trying to sell the car with minimal extra costs, and ensure they're not passing worn-out tires and brakes onto you. If they are, negotiate a better price.

Finally, ensure all interior features and electronics work as they're expected to, including the sunroof and windows. A check of the vehicle's paint, exterior trim and interior upholstery is a good idea with the last-generation Camry, too.

THE VERDICT: If your budget allows, a newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Camry from a Toyota Certified dealer program should prove the best bet for long-term confidence. Ultimately, there are less expensive used family sedans in the used car market, but few with this strong a reputation.

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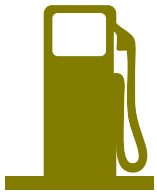

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GM research aims to help drivers cut through fog

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

If you've ever driven in heavy fog, you know how dangerous it can be. General Motors' research and development (R&D) and several universities are working on an advanced vision system that uses data from sensors and cameras to project an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through the fog.

While it will be a long time before the full-screen display comes to market, if ever, the technologies being developed for it could have applications in upcoming vehicles. "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor," says Thomas Seder, lab group manager of human machine interface at GM R&D. "You can see through it when it's not being irradiated with UV light. But if you use a micro laser and irradiate a spot, the transparent phosphor will fluoresce, either red, green or blue."

GM was one of the first to offer a head-up display, or HUD, which projects a small image on the windshield, visible only to the driver, showing information such as vehicle speed.

"We're looking to create enhanced vision systems," Seder says. "We're not creating anything that isn't out there in the real world. If you can imagine a night vision system that could detect a deer on the side of the road, you can't see it with your naked eye, but this could see it and then highlight its exact location. If you look at some concepts that people have proposed, you could be reading your email on a head-up display,

General Motors is working on an advanced vision system that projects an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through fog.

Driving Force

but that's not what we want to do. Once you start cluttering up HUD with information that belongs in the centre stack or head-down display, we think that's very distracting. We want to enhance the driver's vision, not detract from it."

Developing technologies such as sign-reading can assist a driver by removing the need to search for landmarks. "We've all had the experience where you're scanning for the road sign and you're not looking at the road," Seder says. "The primary task in driving is piloting, and navigating is secondary, but people's attention gets focused on the secondary task."

The futuristic full-screen vision is much more complicated, because all of the information must be aligned correctly to the driver's eye. "The road signs don't require a precise image, but there's a penalty if I mismark the road edge," Seder says. "That one's more of a difficult technology. We need to know the vehicle's position, its orientation and the driver's position within the vehicle to precisely align the display image to the real-world image. It's a fairly intricate system, but we'll get better and better."

"The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor."
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Mazda2 coming in summer

The all-new 2011 Mazda2 will go on sale in Canada early this summer, starting at $13,995. The four-door subcompact hatchback represents a new entry point into Mazda's lineup, fitting in under the Mazda3. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Automotive in brief

FUEL ECONOMY The 2011 Ford Mustang is heading to the record books the most fuel-efficient Mustang ever. The Mustang's official U.S. Environmental Protection Agency certify that models equipped with the 305 hp 3.7-litre V6 and available six-speed automatic transmission achieve (U.S.) 31 mpg on the highway and 19 mpg in the city. The standard six-speed manual transmission is rated at (US) 30 mpg on the highway and (US) 19 mpg in the city.

FROM CARGUIDE

On road with Explorer

MyDrive

Heather Buchan

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Who: Sharron Matthews

Why she's famous: A Toronto-based singer, actress and comedian who has appeared in local productions of Les Misérables and Beauty and the Beast. Matthews kicks off her World Domination Tour cabaret show — which takes her to New York and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer — on April 16 and 17 at Toronto's Buddies in Bad Times theatre.

Her drive: A 2003 champagne Ford Explorer.

Singer and actress Sharron Matthews drives a 2003 Ford Explorer, similar to the one pictured above.

Why the Explorer: It's the only thing that can carry both my dogs, one is 120 lbs, me and all my stuff and my husband. We had thought about getting a smaller car, but we realized we couldn't do it.

What do you love most about your car? I love the temperature gauge, the cruise control and the roof rack. We don't have many bells and whistles. But it's a great car.

If we looked right now in the glove compartment, what would we find? About four pairs of sunglasses. There's a big red pair in there that should only be worn by Carole Channing and Elton John. There are CDs of demos of stuff that we've done. There are budget receipts from moves. And a screwdriver and flashlight just in case.

Any other things we would be surprised to find in your car? Two huge dog beds and in the side pocket at the back, we have two bathing suits, just in case, because you never know when you might want to go for a swim.

Future road trips: This summer, we're taking a road trip out to Fredericton because my husband's doing a play out there. We're big fans of road trips. We'll take the St. Lawrence sea route.

What type of driver are you? Safe. I'm a good Hamilton girl. I'm mostly a cautious driver. If it rains, I always drive 10 kilometres under the speed limit. Mostly anger is in my mind. But I sometimes drive with the teeniest bit of aggression.

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Future's going solo

Personal mobility vehicles may be the road ahead

RYAN BORROFF
Metro World News

According to a recent UN report just over half of the world's population now lives in cities.

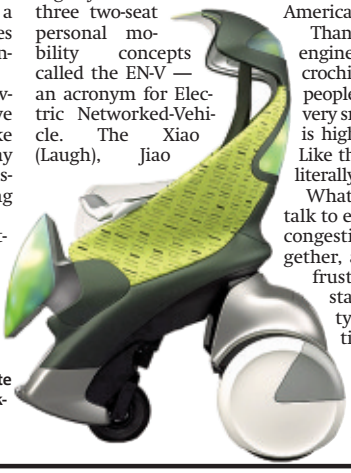
But by 2050, that number will increase to 70 per cent as people move to "endless cities," mega-regions that are already growing at a staggering pace in countries including Brazil, Japan, India and China.

With so many of us living in cities the future we are going to need to make radical changes in the way we travel to overcome issues such as overcrowding on public transport.

The future of commuting will be personal mobility — so carmakers are currently conceiving cheap, small one or two-person vehicles designed to ease traffic congestion, parking and pollution.

It was no coincidence then that General Motors chose this year's Shanghai World Expo to launch its most recent personal transportation concept.

GM and its Chinese partner SAIC, working with Segway, showed three two-seat personal mobility concepts called the EN-V — an acronym for Electric Networked-Vehicle. The Xiao (Laugh), Jiao (Pride) and Maio (Magic) models are all based on Segway's PT (personal transport) technology but have different bodies and characteristics.


The Toyota i-swing can operate in two-wheeled mode at walking pace or in three-wheeled mode for faster road speeds.

Constructed from lightweight materials including carbon fibre and acrylic, the EN-V is said to be about five times as energy efficient as the average North American car.

Thanks to some clever engineering and microchips it can carry two people despite having a very small footprint and it is highly manoeuverable. Like the Segway PT it can literally turn on a dime.

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The daily flower and food market along Cours Saleya is an array of sights and scents. Everything from sun-dried tomatoes drenched in olive oil to fresh baguettes or crystallized candy flowers at Confiserie Florian. Nearby is Chez Thérésais, famed for its "socca" — a chickpea flour and olive oil pancake.

WHERE TO LUNCH
Coco Beach, cocobeach-restaurant.com
Coco Beach was once the favorite lunch spot of Pablo Picasso. From the saffron-laced bouillabaisse to the pissaladière (a provencal pizza topped with caramelized onion, olives and anchovies), dishes and the views are stunning.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON
Promenade des Anglais
Strap on a pair or rollerblades, skates or just walk the famous Promenade des Anglais. A wide palm-lined pavement following the curve of the coast. If the weather allows, take a dip in the water to cool off. Perfectly pretty and there's some great ice-cream places.

WHERE TO DINE
L'Escalinada, escalinada.fr
Following a lengthy aperitif of olives and Pastis (aniseed liquor typical of Provence), take a seat at L'Escalinada a cozy Italian restaurant on Rue Pairoliére. Try the fried courgette and aubergine followed by home made Gorgonzola gnocchi. Real Provence.

SPEND THE NIGHT
Le Guest, 5 Quai des Deux Emmanuel, Port de Nice
Come nighttime glamour becomes the keyword. By the harbor is Le Guest — a swanky club with low lights and high prices. Dom Perignon champagne bottles are waiting to be popped open upon arrival. Perfect for a romantic drink or dance fuelled fun.

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The daily flower and food markets along Cours Saleya.

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Classic Film Festival already a hit

Classic film fans from around the world who want to share their passion for this particular movie genre have already purchased advance tickets to the four-day TCM Classic Film Festival, launching April 22 in Hollywood. METRO NEWS SERVICES

History and culture abound in Lisbon

From museums and parks, to beaches and cafés, Portugal's capital offers it all

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

When travelling to the Portuguese capital for the first time, most people want to go to the Belém district where historical monuments, like the 16th century Jerónimo's Monastery and the Belém Tower, are located.

Lisbon's magnificent old quarter — made up of a labyrinth of alleyways and narrow streets — dates back more than 200 years.

Abstract art installations at Lisbon's Berardo Art Museum in Centro Cultural de Belém attracts tourists and locals alike. The best part is, it's free!

Start the day off right
Pastéis de Belém

For locals, the real draw in that neighbourhood is the famous café Pastéis de Belém, selling custard tarts with the same name.

The big queues might scare you, but just sit inside in one of the cute rooms and enjoy at least two of these warm "pastéis" with a spray of cinnamon and sugar.

Get a taste of the arts
Museums and parks

Afterwards, take a stroll through the nearby Botanical Tropical Garden and the hip (and free) Berardo Art Museum in Centro Cultural de Belém — a main venue for classical, jazz and pop concerts.

Don't miss
Sharks and penguins

The new quarter of Parque das Nações is great for a stroll along the Tagus river and a visit to the huge Oceanário aquarium.

The Sleeping with the sharks adventure nights for kids are very popular.

Take a walk into history
Alfama and downtown

This old quarter, where most buildings survived the 1775 earthquake, looks like a maze of narrow streets and alleys, and beautiful belvederes.

Walk it on your own or with one of the organized tours by Lisbon Walker. Go downtown to explore the post-earthquake architecture. In Augusta Street, visit the Fashion and Design Museum for free.

It houses everything from Vivienne Westwood to Dior, plus an amazing furniture collection.

Enjoy a day at the beach
Cascais Coast

Lisbon has the rare privilege among European capitals of having fine beaches just a 20 minutes away by car or train.

Head to the Cascais Coast and choose one of three beaches — Carcavelos (with a surf school), Estoril or Guincho (also a popular spot with windsurfers and surf fans) — to spend the afternoon at.

If you rent a car, cross the bridge to Costa da Caparica, and stop to check out or even try your hand at kite surfing.

Dine right
More than bacalhau

You'll find plenty of cheap restaurants serving fish, seafood or salted cod (bacalhau) dishes.

Trendy places that also offer reasonable prices include Café Royale in Chiado. Ask for the "Sangria" made with berries. Fusion dinners are big in Charcutaria Francesa (charcutaria-francesa.com), without a written menu, in Praça das Flores. For a great gourmet experience try the more expensive Bocca (bocca.pt), or Tavares (restaurantetavares.pt), founded in 1784, and now led by awarded chef José Avillez.

Dance the night away
Bairro Alto

Nights in Lisbon are busy and most discos don't start until 1 a.m.

From the teen-crowded area of Santos, to the more grownup atmosphere of Bairro Alto, there are countless bars and clubs and a great street atmosphere.

The mainstream clubs reside around the Docks area, near the river. BBC and its terrace Sweet are popular, but the trendiest club in town is LuxFrágil in Santa Apolónia, co-owned by actor John Malkovich. Urban Beach by the river, is good for a sunset cocktail.

More info

For more about Lisbon go to visitlisboa.com.

Where to stay in Lisbon

TRAVELLERS HOUSE

Located on Augusta Street, downtown. If you're on a budget it's a good and clean choice. Rooms from $40.

IBIS HOTEL

Several good locations in Lisbon, such as Saldanha and Av. José Malhoa. Simple bedrooms with a 24 hour bar service. Rooms from $48.

FONTANA PARK HOTEL

This trendy hotel in central Lisbon was honoured at the European Hotel Design Awards 2008. Decorated by Nini Andrade Silva, Portugal's top interior designer, it's the best choice if you want to relax in style. Rooms from $90.

PESTANA PALACE

This five star palace is the choice of celebrities like Madonna. Not far from Belém district, it's very quiet and surrounded by beautiful gardens. Fantastic furniture and paintings adors all the rooms. Rooms from $200 to $3,000.

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UN hopes to reduce number of plane crashes
The United Nations' civil-aviation body has been given the go-ahead to create an information exchange in the hope of reducing the number of plane crashes. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Slovakia's Aquacity water park not only offers an array of swimming pools, but it also boasts cryotherapy — a treatment consisting of entering a chamber with a temperature of -120°C for a few minutes, which is touted as stimulating natural pain relief in the body.

Finding cold comfort in Slovakia

ANDY JONES
for Metro World News

Relaxing breaks which recharge body and mind normally involve sipping a cocktail beside a pool in a warm climate.

The only thing cryotherapy has in common with beach breaks is you still get to wear your trunks — only rather than stretching out under the sun, you are exposed to a -120°C freeze. That's roughly twice as cold as the Earth's polar regions.

At Slovakia's Aquacity water park in Poprad, you can experience the thrills and chills of a cryotherapy chamber which promises to "invigorate, refresh and revive." But there's not a single mention of freezing your nuts off.

Croytherapy comes as a series of quick bursts of cold air designed to actively spark your body into regeneration. It is believed to assist with everything from boosting your immune system, helping heal sports injuries or staving off brain illnesses like Alzheimer's.

The effect of being exposed to the extreme cold is that the body releases natural pain-killers and endorphins, which stimulate natural pain relief and a sense of wellbeing.

Now, I'm all for improved wellbeing, but at -120°C?

Treatment over three days at Aquacity is split into sessions of increasing length. There are also massage therapies, specialist saunas and a giant water park complete with slides and a poolside bar.

Before entering the scarily-named cryo chamber you are given a thorough medical examination.

Once inside the chamber, the temperature is so intense you can't actually feel anything. You have to wear a mask to prevent the moisture in your throat from freezing, but far from being something to endure, time in the chamber seems to go quickly.

First you enter a room set at a positively balmy -80°C before stepping next door into the frighteningly cold -120°C. You can leave the chamber at any time, but apart from a few tingles as my heart rate slowed, I felt surprisingly comfortable.

After the session is up, you are rushed upstairs into a gym for a session on the running and rowing machines to get your heart rate pumping again. A warm towel and a cup of tea was what I actually wanted, but never mind.

And the results? Well I had one session per day where I spent 3.5 minutes in the -120°C chamber and I really did feel energized, more positive in my thoughts, and I slept like a baby each night.

Other users said they found the treatment particularly good for recuperation after a sports or back injury, with many skiers from the nearby slopes dropping in to ice their aches.

Cyrotherapy might seem like a chilling prospect at first but give it a try and you'll find it's very cool indeed. Cryotherapy costs $14 a session.

Aside from the cryotherapy, Poprad, Slovakia, offers skiers plenty of slopes to enjoy before unwinding at Aquacity.

You must wear a mask into the chamber to prevent the moisture in your throat from freezing.

Where to stay

• Poprad is built on site geothermal site, so everything from the shower in your bathroom to the swimming pools are naturally sourced and heated harnessing energy from the area. While the park itself is open to day visitors, the resort has two hotels — the four-star Mountain View Hotel and the three-star Seasons Hotel. For a quieter stay, try the more restful four-star Grand Hotel Praha at the very foot of the Lomnica mountains.

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Picturesque parks to Roman ruins

England's Bath attracts visitors from all over the globe

Adventure Cafe is a must-stop-spot in Bath.

ROMINA MCGINNESS
Metro World News

WHERE TO WAKE UP
Royal Crescent
royalcrescent.co.uk
A lavish hotel bang in the centre of the famous Royal Crescent. Silk drapes, four poster beds and marble tubs… the place is simply exquisite. The entire façade gives on to the luscious green Victoria Park, which is perfect for a morning promenade.

SPEND THE MORNING
Fashion Shopping
Bath's reputation as the West Country's fashion hub has people flocking in from bigger cities including London and Bristol. The Frock Exchange (10 Kingsmead Square) is a treasure trove of Yves Saint Laurent, Chanel and Mulberry belts, scarves, dresses, sunglasses and handbags.

WHERE TO LUNCH
Vertinsky Café
5 Princess Buildings, George St.
Idyllic (and handy) location on George Street, towards the 'top end' of town makes Adventure Cafe a must-stop-spot. Try a colossal vanilla milkshake or fresh mint Mojito or a goat's cheese focaccia. A great barbecue spot when the weather allows.

METRO WORLD NEWS PHOTOS
Royal Crescent offers an exquisite façade, including Victoria Park.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON
The Bath
Built by the Romans in AD 75 and dedicated to the goddess Sulis Minerva, the Baths are amongst the best preserved in the world. The Pump Rooms serves the hot water from the natural spring as a drink. Head down town for an afternoon of pampering at Thermae Bath Spa.

WHERE TO DINE
Hudson Steakhouse
hudsonbars.co.uk
Hudson's succulent steak is sourced from a nearby farm. For vegetarians, the risotto cakes with parmesan are delicious. The downstairs bar is perfect for sipping cocktails as you wait for your table to be set in the main restaurant area upstairs.

SPEND THE NIGHT
Theatre Royal
theatreroyal.org.uk
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'Home' to the fanged

Tourism is up in Forks, the setting of the Twilight saga

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

It is the wettest place in the United States and one of the wettest places on the planet.

It has a population of 3,000 and is basically a bleak north western logging outpost whose sexiest tourism offering is a "timber museum."

But tourism here is up 1,000 per cent — crushing anywhere else in the recession-hit U.S. — because this is Forks, where the smash hit Twilight saga is set.

Author Stephanie Meyer actually chose Forks, Washington, because it was cold, dark and wet (nine inches of ran fall every month) making it a perfect hang out for the undead.

But now the pull of the novels and the movies, starring Brit hunk Robert Pattinson, has transformed the fortunes of the town.

Let's be honest: You have to be a fan.

Otherwise, you will find yourself travelling to a far flung corner of the States to look at an unremarkable school, a few trees and a slightly untidy beach.

If you're a Twilight devotee, however, you're looking at the world's most brooding locale, the school where the Cullen coven study (and where the lovers first meet), the romantically unkempt, driftwood-strewn La Push beach, with its dramatic sea stacks, and the spooky, moss-draped rainforests.

Only then does Forks make sense.

Tourism director Marcia Bingham says: "It has put us on the map and we are thrilled.

Now visitors don't complain if it's raining, they complain if it's not raining."

Twilight fan Annette Bruno-Root moved here to set up two themed shops, a restaurant and tour.

She says: "We've had visitors from every country in the world."

Highlights

Where to spend your Twilight dollars:

- Port Angeles where Bella and Edward had their first date, at Bella Italia (118 East 1st Street; 00 1-360 457 5442, bellaitaliapa.com). The heroine's favorite dish is the mushroom ravioli ($17)
- Dazzled by Twilight store (135 East 1st Street; 360 452 8800; the original is in Forks). Everything from fake fangs for 25¢ to Bella's engagement ring for $59.
- Sparkling Twilight, a fizzy red wine produced by the female-owned and -run Olympic Cellars (olympiccellars.com), which it supplies to Bella Italia.

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British actor Robert Pattinson is one of the stars of the Twilight movies, which are set in Forks, Washington.

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5 Romantic places

Spots guaranteed to ignite your relationship

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

The Taj Mahal in Agra is a monument to lost love.

1
Romeo and Juliet
Verona
A town whose actual charm is often overlooked because of its link to the greatest romance of all time. The actual "wherefore art thou" balcony is a little underwhelming, but come on, this is Romeo and Juliet — if you can't get romantic here you may have to accept that affairs of the heart may not be your thing. The town is also one of Italy's prettiest with opera in the summer, and great galleries. Lake Garda is also nearby.
Stay: Hotel Gabbia d'Oro, Corso Porta Borsari. hotelgabbiadoro.it

2
Frankly M'Dear
Georgia
A very over-looked U.S. state as far as tourism goes but Georgia's determinedly "southern" laid back take on life and the beautiful countryside is fabulously Gone With the Wind. Many of the antebellum buildings are either real Civil War stock or stylised copies. The state is dotted with great hotels and guest houses. Frankly m'dear you 'll give a damn.
Stay: Antebellum Inn, 200 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville. antebelluminn.com

3
Anthony and Cleopatra
Cairo
By day the backdrop to the Anthony and Cleopatra love story can seem a little hectic and scruffy, but under the stars (and lit by an impressive light show), the pyramids seem fabulously romantic. There's something about their permanence and resilience in the face of all that time can throw at them that seems tailor made to inspire love.
Stay: Four Seasons Hotel, 1089 Corniche El Nil. fourseasons.com/caironp

4
Wuthering Heights
Yorkshire Moors, England
Emily Bronte's novel of thwarted passion between Heathcliffe and Cathy is routinely voted the most romantic novel of all time. And looking out onto the brooding Yorkshire Moors in northern England, it's easy to see how these rolling hills provided such inspiration. Even more haunting in the rain, which, it being Yorkshire, is highly likely.
Stay: Ashmount Country House, Mytholmes Lane, Haworth, West Yorkshire. ashmounthaworth.co.uk

5
Palace of Love
The Taj Mahal
The Taj Mahal, in Agra, is perhaps the greatest monument to lost love in the world. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan who was griefstricken after his third wife died during the birth of their 14th child. And 350 years later the white marble minarets are still pretty much the benchmark for anyone thinking of building a palace of love.
Stay: The Oberoi Amarvillas, Taj East Gate Road. oberoihotels.com.

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The "wherefore art thou" balcony from Romeo and Juliet is located in Verona, one of Italy's prettiest towns.

The Cairo pyramids under the stars is sure to inspire love.

London on a budget of $50, $100 & $500

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Big Ben in London, England.

Metro found what to eat, stay and go in London, England on varying budgets.

DAILY BUDGET: $50

EAT
Anchor & Hope
The best gastropub in London by a million miles. Ridiculously cheap for what you get and superbly knowlegable staff. Just brilliant! Get there early as it can get rammed.

STAY
Pasha Hotel
Great value for money boutique hotel a little bit out of the centre but easy Tube ride to all the main sights. Turkish massages are on offer too. For more information: hotelpasha.com

GO
Gig at the O2 Arena
Best place to see a gig in London, and maybe the world. Huge, but has atmosphere, and loads of bars and restaurants outside. Plus it's the Millennium Dome! Check theo2.co.uk for gigs.

DAILY BUDGET: $100

EAT
Fifteen
Fifteen was the TV brainchild of celebrity chef Jamie Oliver who wanted to give jobless kids a chance to shine in the kitchen. Don't let that put you off — it's genuinely excellent. fifteen.net

STAY
Ten Manchester Street Hotel
Fabulously chic hotel right in the heart of London but tucked away on a quiet street. Cigar smoking actively encouraged! tenmanchesterstreethotel.com

GO
Lovebox
London's coolest festival. This year it's Roxy Music, Dizzee Rascal and Grace Jones — but it's not the bands it's the vibe. Chilled, metropolitan, self-aware — this is London at play. July 16-18. lovebox.net.

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EAT
Gordon Ramsay at Claridges
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STAY
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Luxury Shopping
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Share your travel plans

Want to keep track of your friends on vacation? A new website started by college students aims to make it easier. With Gtrot — gtrot.com — you can use Facebook to check out where your friends are headed and broadcast your own travel plans. METRO NEWS SERVICES

A pool in the Ilha do Papagaio in Brazil. Most of the island area is rare Atlantic rainforest.

Island paradise

Be enveloped by pristine nature in Papagaio, Brazil

MAURICIO XAVIER
Metro World News

If you find selecting a hotel a real headache then the paradise island of Papagaio is your dream holiday — it only has one!

The entire island, off the coast of southern Brazil, has been owned by the Senh family since 1971, but the hotel was only opened in 1992 when the travelling publics started to arrive.

Papagaio is in Palhoça, 30 kilometres from the island of Santa Catarina, where most of Florianópolis, the capital of Santa Catarina State, is located.

To get there you'll need to go to Ponta do Papagaio then take a boat to the island.

A bit of a chore yes, but 100 per cent worth it for a taste of the unspoiled natural beauty of Papagaio.

About 80 per cent of the Papagaio island area is rare Atlantic rainforest that is environmentally preserved and protected. And because of this it has some of the most exhilarating hiking in the world. Seven trails criss-cross the island and you'll find yourself enveloped by pristine untouched nature in the raw,

Boat excursions are the only other way to get to know the place and its nearby islands: dos Corais, do Campeche and Moleques do Sul e Três Irmãs.

During the winter season, between June and August, there are also excursions by boat to observe Southern right whales that mate in the waters south of Brazil.

The beaches are known for their clear waters and a range of aquatic sports, such as diving, wakeboard, water ski, kayak and fishing.

Accommodation

- Atay, from $250/night. The hotel has 21 chalets with views to the Baía da Pinheira. There is a swimming pool, gym and a massage room. You can visit nearby Guarda do Embaú. But you won't want to!

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Actress Susan Sarandon poses during the reopening of the citadel of Machu Picchu in Cuzco, Peru.

Peru's No. 1 site re-opens

Tourists return to Machu Picchu after flood

Tourists are back at Machu Picchu, which reopened after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins.

But officials say the entire route is not expected to reopen until June. Until then, tourists can travel by bus from Cuzco to Piscachuco and from there by train to Machu Picchu Pueblo at the base of the ruins.

Peru's No. 1 tourist site had been shut down since late January, when heavy rains disrupted the rail link from the city of Cuzco and trapped some 4,000 tourists, many of whom had to be rescued with helicopters.

Workers have now finished rehabilitating the last 27 kilometres of track, though service has not been restored all the way to Cuzco.

The train is the only form of transportation to the fortress, though hardier tourists can also hike there along the steep Inca Trail.

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Cyclorama stays

Architecture lovers win fight to keep building

Lovers of modern architecture have won a round in their fight to preserve a half-century-old building at Gettysburg, despite efforts by Civil War purists to demolish the structure to restore the battlefield to its original appearance.

For a decade, the National Park Service has been seeking to demolish the Cyclorama Building, built in 1958 by famed modernist architect Richard Neutra to house a massive circular painting of the famous 1863 battle which has been relocated.

The building is near one of the highest points on Cemetery Ridge, a key defensive position where nearly 1,000 Union soldiers were killed or wounded during Pickett's Charge. The National Parks Service would like to remove the building to preserve the battlesite but an architectural preservation group says the building is also historically important.

A federal judge in Washington ruled last week that the park service did not follow procedure on the matter. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hogan told the park that it must go back and reconsider its 1999 decision to raze the building before it can take any action to knock down the structure.

In March 2009, U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay recommended that the U.S. District Court rule in favour of the suit by the Recent Past Preservation Network and ordered the park to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the potential impacts and review alternatives to demolition.

Neither Gettysburg National Military Park nor the National Park Service has commented on the decision.

Los Angeles architect Dion Neutra, who worked alongside his father on the centre a half-century ago, said the Cyclorama was "way up" on his father's list of the most important buildings of his career.

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Travel in brief

SKIING Aspen Skiing Co. says there's been enough snow and cold temperatures to extend the ski season at Aspen Mountain for two more weekends. Aspen Mountain planned to close April 11 but resort officials said Tuesday that lifts also would run for the weekends of April 17-18 and April 24-25. This is the third straight year that Aspen Skiing Co. has offered an extended season. Among the other mountains that Aspen Skiing Co. operates, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk plan to close April 4. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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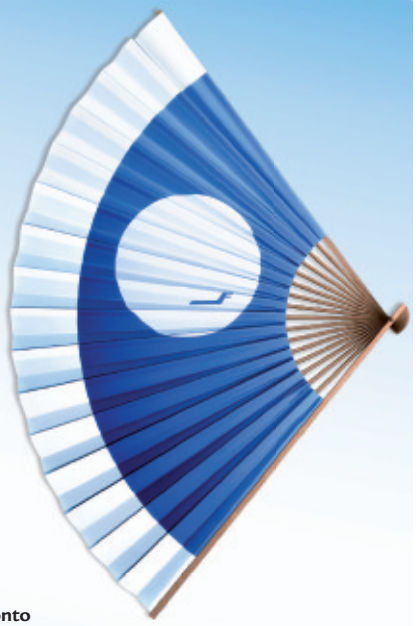

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Star Wars the sitcom

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Entertainment

Graphic Ryan

Ryan Reynolds has reportedly signed on to R.I.P.D., a Universal Pictures movie based on the Peter Lenkov graphic novel.

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When Date Night goes bad

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Of all the successful Canadians in Hollywood, the name Shawn Levy is not as popularized as it should be.

After all, the Montreal-born filmmaker has made some of today's most successful family comedies (The Night at the Museum films for instance) and his work has generated over $1.5 billion worldwide.

Date Night opens Friday

Now with Date Night, the big-name filmmaker is hoping to gain a greater reputation with a more adult-oriented comedy and quite frankly, not everyone is happy about it.

"It's my first non-family film," said Levy during a recent interview. "(And) my own daughters — I have three — feel betrayed that I've made a movie that they can't see … they've watched Cheaper by the Dozen 9,000 times!"

Still, the Levy clan shouldn't be discouraged. With Date Night, Levy has crafted a very funny movie by matching two of comedy's top actors — Steve Carell and Tina Fey — as a bored married couple that go out on their weekly "date night" and end up being chased by crooked cops and the mafia.

"I had a feeling that whoever put them (together) in a movie first was going to reap the benefits," said Levy. "But as a married couple especially feels so organic. They may be married to other people (in real life) but you sure buy them on-screen as a married couple … the style and tone of their comedy is so well-matched."

Tiny Fey, Steve Carell and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from the new movie Date Night.

But as Levy insists, Date Night is not just a comedy. It delves into the world of action with plenty of break-ins, shoot-outs and a bizarre car chase that involved hooking two cars front bumper-to-front bumper.

"No one has seen a Siamese car chase through Manhattan," noted Levy. "I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships … and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before."

Although Date Night should expose Levy to a distinctly older audience, the filmmaker's refusal to be pegged down is illustrated by the variety of future projects he has in production —including a Steven Spielberg-produced blockbuster called Real Steel.

"While I'm certainly going to do more big tentpole movies, I'm also developing (intimate) character pieces," said Levy.

"So I'm just getting warmed up."

Apps now playing on your iPhone

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

It used to be that going to the movies was simple.

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"These apps make movie going easier," says CTV's Tech Expert Kris Abel. "Certainly now it's easier to find a theatre in your area that is playing the movie you want at the right show time."

You have apps like the flixter app (free on itunes) which can use your GPS to find the closest theatre and then give you information about that movie."

Flixter can help get you to the theatre but two other apps come in handy once you get there. Alfred Hitchcock once said, "The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder," but the fact is nature often calls in the most inopportune times — like in the middle of a movie. RunPee ($1.99 on itunes) won't quell those urges, but it will tell you the best points in the film to discretely sneak out to the restroom.

"It tells you the line you might hear the character say on the screen," says Abel, "and then it tells you how much time you have. The best part is that after you've gone to the bathroom on your screen will be a quick little text summary of what just happened in the movie. Usually in any movie there will be about four different points where it is safe for you to get up."

Also useful is the IMDB app (free on iTunes), a comprehensive database of movie info, news and reviews. It's perfect for those moments when an actor's face rings a bell but you can't place them but please, don't use it while the movie is playing.

"There is a certain amount of app etiquette," says Abel, "and most apps are designed for use before you go to the movie or after.

"These apps make movie going easier. Certainly now it's easier to find a theatre in your area that is playing the movie you want at the right show time." Kris Abel

There is nothing that will take you out of the magic of the cinema faster than seeing someone's screen out of the corner of your eye."

Can't make it to the theatre? Not to worry, there are even apps for people who don't want to sit in the dark. The NFB iPhone app (free on itunes) offers up hundreds of NFB films for temporary download and Location Scout (free in the Android Market) allows you to find the places where your favourite movies were shot.

Able notes that there are hundreds of apps out there, so buyer beware, but there is at least one to suit almost every movie fan.

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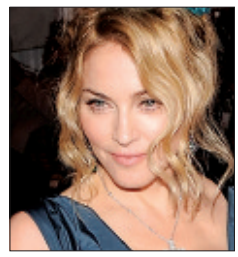

Madonna

Madonna dares to dream

PEOPLE Madonna has put down first brick of her new girls' academy outside Malawi's capital.

Madonna laid the brick with the inscription "DARE TO DREAM" yesterday. The pop star said it has long been her dream to build a girls' school.

The $15 million Raising Malawi Academy for Girls is scheduled to open in 2011, and will assist 500 orphaned children.

Daughters Lourdes and Mercy accompanied the pop diva to yesterday's ceremony. Madonna arrived in Malawi on Monday for a weeklong charity tour to inspect projects she established since her first visit in 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corin Redgrave dies
Corin Redgrave, a member of a British acting dynasty that includes his sisters Vanessa and Lynn, has died. He was 70. The Redgrave family said the actor died Tuesday, two days after falling ill. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Blast from the past

Jon Spencer Blues Explosion reissuing catalogue

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion is not reuniting. There's no need to — they never broke up. This is according to the frontman whose name once again leads the band after they abbreviated it to just The Blues Explosion six years ago.

"The band is not over, we're sort of in this deep sleep," Spencer explains. "We're gonna be playing some shows this summer."

While they have been inactive since they released their last studio album 2004's Damage, The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion has actually performed a handful of times in the last couple of years and is about to embark on a serious reissue campaign of music taken from their first decade together.

Known best for Spencer's hyper-Elvis-inspired persona and a deranged union of blues and rock 'n' roll, the JSBX had one of the finest runs of any indie band in the 1990s as one of Matador Records' flagship acts.

Spencer says the idea of re-releasing the band's catalogue was stewing in the band's creative juices, but it was another label, Shout! Factory, that spearheaded the project and at just the right moment.

"They had the right moves," he says. "It seemed like a good time, people needed to be reminded. And (with Shout! Factory) we could do it right."

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The first release is a compilation, which Spencer describes as "sort of an overview." Titled Dirty Shirt and Rock 'N' Roll: The First Ten Years, Jon is quick to point out that "this is not the entire history of the band" but a carefully considered look at some of the band's best work between 1990 and 2000.

"I asked Judah (Bauer, guitarist) and Russell (Simins, drummer) to submit a list of what songs they wanted to see on the album," says Spencer. "They put in their two cents, and I asked a few people who were close and knew the band, and after that I tried to hit points on everybody's lists and make sure all the different facets of the Blues Explosion were covered in the final sequence. Most importantly, we wanted to try and make a sequence that flowed nicely that was enjoyable and listenable."

But Dirty Shirt and Rock 'N' Roll is just the tip of the iceberg. In the coming months, the first four JSBX albums will be reissued and "filled to the brim with extra stuff." Spencer just recently finished putting the final touches on the first one, which will be 1996's Now I Got Worry. With three more set to come he already sounds exhausted with all of the details a campaign like this takes.

"It's an on-going project," he says with a laugh.

Down and Dirty

- The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion's Dirty Shirt Rock 'N' Roll: The First Ten Years was released last week.

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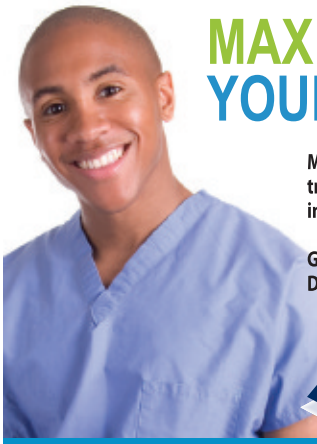

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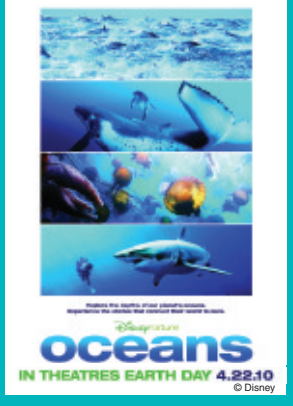

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Move over Hannah Montana

Two new tweens are hitting the small screen

Get ready to meet Bridgit Mendler and Victoria Justice, the two biggest stars the world has never heard of — at least that segment of the planet that excludes anyone outside the ages of eight and 14.

Brigit Mendler is one of two young television actresses on the cusp of stardom.

But among that increasingly coveted tween demographic — the one that made superstars of Miley Cyrus and Zac Efron — Justice and Mendler's career arcs have been steadily rising for years.

Mendler was the cute vampire who dated David Henrie's socially inept wizard on Wizards of Waverly Place, while Justice was the equally cute upstart rival to Jamie Lynn Spears on Zoey 101.

Now the two 17-year-olds are getting their own Sunday night sitcoms, Justice in Victorious, which debuts at 8 p.m. EDT this weekend, and Mendler in Good Luck Charlie, which debuted last weekend and airs at 8:30 p.m.

Mendler's character on Good Luck Charlie is determined to videotape every significant event in the life of her newborn sister, Charlie, while at the same time juggling typical teen problems such as annoying brothers, overly protective parents and flaky boyfriends.

Meanwhile, Victorious puts Justice in a performing arts high school whose wacky student body (populated by several young Broadway theatre veterans) is capable of breaking into song and dance whenever the mood strikes.

The show's creator, Dan Schneider, says he began grooming the actress for just such a breakout role the moment he saw her audition to play second banana to Spears on Zoey 101 nearly five years ago.

At rival Disney, the feeling was the same when a 14-year-old Mendler arrived to audition for Sonny With a Chance. The role would go to another tween idol, Demi Lovato, but Mendler wouldn't go unnoticed.

There seems to be a wealth of TV tween stars at the moment, raising the question: Is there room for two more? The Jonas Brothers have their own eponymous show, Miranda Cosgrove has become nearly a household name on iCarly, as has Selena Gomez on Wizards of Waverly Place — their images plastered all over TV, on lunch boxes, backpacks and buses.

.But that doesn't mean networks like Disney and Nickelodeon can stop cranking out new kid stars. After all, they grow up, as Miley Cyrus, who's in her last year of Hannah Montana, is quickly doing.

Some of them also cause embarrassment, as Spears did when she announced she was pregnant as the fourth season of Zoey 101 was beginning. Or when a nude photo of Vanessa Hudgens surfaced on the Internet when she was starring opposite Efron in the High School Musical movies.

To prepare them, Disney puts them through something it calls Talent 101 which includes a seminar advising them on security precautions they might take and how to behave in public and in front of the press.

But looming stardom doesn't seem to have had much of an impact so far on Mendler, who can appear self-assured beyond her years one moment, while discussing something like acting, then revert to a wide-eyed innocence when talking about getting her driver's license.

Likewise, Justice remains sanguine. Yes, she acknowledges, carrying a TV show is a big responsibility. But, hey, she's had other challenges in her life. "I graduated high school!," she shrieks with delight. Then she raises her arms and adds, "YAAAY!"

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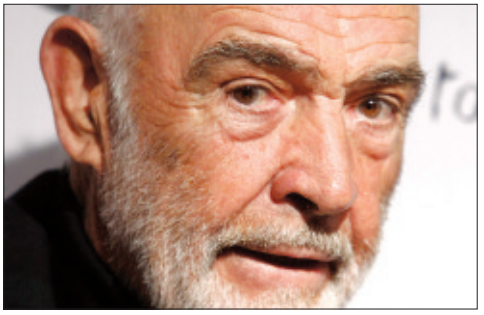

Sean Connery at his show in New York, April 5, 2010.

Sean Connery's Dressed to Kilt in New York

MANHATTAN Sean Connery celebrated Scotland's eclectic style with a fashion show featuring celebrities, athletes and wounded war veterans in modernized kilts, capes and beanies from top Scottish designers.

Connery said Monday's seventh annual Dressed to Kilt, "certainly brings together a very interesting mix of people."

Mike Myers, donning a kilt, argyle socks and sneakers, was first on the catwalk at the Chelsea nightclub space. Al Roker was close behind in a longer kilt, paired with bright yellow socks.

Joan Jett was a crowd-pleaser in her door-knocker bra top, patent-leather trench coat, micro-mini kilt and an outrageous feather headpiece by William Chambers, and Kelly Bensimon and Kellie Pickler each wore tiny corset dresses.

Scottish export Alan Cumming wore an all-matching plaid three-piece kilt suit, and actors Kyle MacLachlan and Sam Waterston also appeared comfy in their kilts. Speed skater Shani Davis accessorized with his Olympic gold medal.

But while there was a thoroughly festive atmosphere on stage, the mood became respectful when veterans from the Wounded Warrior Project appeared as models.

The fashion show raises money for Friends of Scotland, a non-profit founded by Connery. Proceeds were to be split by between Wounded Warriors, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Scottish equivalent group, the Erksine Hospital.

A pop-up shop on Madison Avenue selling some of the items from Dressed to Kilt will be open through April 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Safety officials to discuss DJ AM crash
Federal officials were to discuss why a Learjet hurtled off a South Carolina runway, causing a crash that killed four people and injured Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM in Washington yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Country singer hits it big with Hillbilly Bone

Blake Shelton's knocked out a lot of six packs in his life, but nothing quite like this.

The country heartthrob's latest album, Hillbilly Bone, is being marketed by Warner Music Nashville as a "six pak." It contains just six tracks and will be followed in the next few months by a second short album with a third possible by the end of the year.

Call it a test balloon for the digital age, the latest stab at preserving physical album sales at a time when listeners are turning their backs on the oh so old-fashioned CD.

"Just to be honest with you, I was to the point where I just realized, 'What have we got to lose?'" Shelton said recently.

Nothing it turns out, and there's been plenty of gain. Hillbilly Bone opened with more than 71,000 physical copies sold and vaulted Shelton to No. 3 on the Billboard 200 — his highest posting on the all-genre chart. A month later it has sold more than 138,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan, and remains No. 4 on the country charts. There are plans at Warner for not only another Shelton six pak in the late summer, but possibly entries from other artists as well.

FREDERICK BREEDON/GETTY IMAGES

Country singer Blake Shelton performs at the second annual ACM Honors at Schermerhorn Symphony Center in September in Nashville, Tennessee.

Short albums, usually called EPs — a term rejected by Warner as out of date and misleading — are nothing new, though they're not particularly widespread. They're often put out as stopgap offerings between albums or to promote emerging acts who might not have a full album yet.

Shelton and Warner, though, see larger possibilities and the experiment is being watched closely in Nashville.

"It's way more instant," said Hillary Scott of the chart-topping group Lady Antebellum. "You don't have to wait as long anymore for new music … He's definitely pushing the envelope, and I think a lot of artists, including us, are kind of watching to see how it does because it could end up really changing the model."

The six-pak idea is a way to forestall the death of the album in the digital age. Warner executives came up with the plan about eight months before Hillbilly Bone came out.

Peter Strickland, senior vice-president for sales and marketing, said the label was looking at several options. Adding content and jacking up the price didn't seem like the way to go.

Shelton was an ideal fit for the new idea. His most rabid fans tell him they want new music all the time and Shelton has often felt constrained by the usual release schedule of an album every 18 months or two years. Warner was also looking for a way to bump Shelton's sales.

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B.C. writer receives posthumous nomination

British Columbia writer P.K. Page, who died earlier this year at age 93, is among the contenders for this year's Griffin Poetry Prize. The short list for the lucrative award was announced yesterday morning in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Entertainment in brief

TALK SHOWS Oprah Winfrey has landed the first televised interview with Rielle Hunter since former presidential candidate John Edwards first admitted two years ago that he had an affair with Hunter. Harpo Productions said yesterday that Hunter will appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show on an unspecified date.

GQ magazine last month published the first interview with Hunter in which she addressed the scandal.

She told the magazine the affair ended in July 2008 and that the relationship is now something "different." She didn't say whether they are still romantically involved but said Edwards wants to be there for their two-year-old daughter.

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Martel book hits shelves

Life of Pi author releases first novel since winning Booker Prize

Saskatoon author Yann Martel has released his highly anticipated follow-up to the Booker Prize-winning Life of Pi yesterday.

Beatrice & Virgil follows an author named Henry as he helps a strange taxidermist write a Holocaust-themed play that features a donkey named Beatrice and a monkey called Virgil.

Martel says he's had the idea for Beatrice & Virgil since 2001, when Life of Pi was published to international acclaim.

He says it took him so long to write the new novel in part because of the success of Life of Pi and also due to the difficult subject matter.

The author describes the writing process for Beatrice & Virgil as "artistically challenging" and "quite a torturous process."

He also admits that some of the writing challenges Henry faces in Beatrice & Virgil are similar to his own.

Beatrice & Virgil is Martel's third novel. The Life of Pi, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2002, has caught the eye of director Ang Lee, who has plans to make it into a movie. The Lee-helmed movie is set for release in 2011, according to imdb.com, but there is no word yet on who will be cast as titular character Pi Patel.

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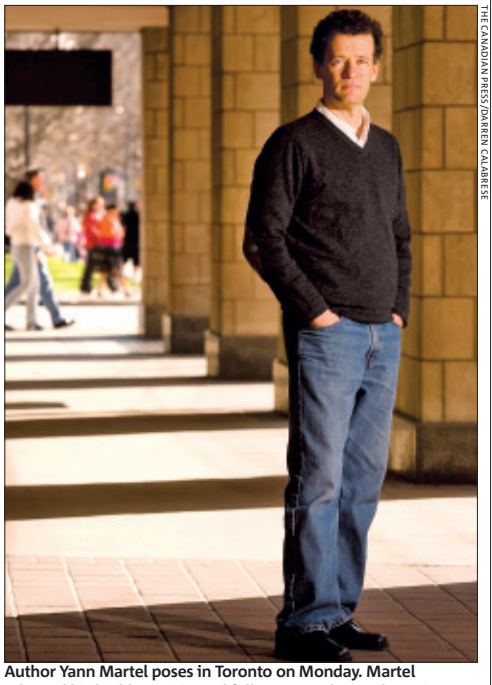

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Author Yann Martel poses in Toronto on Monday. Martel released his highly anticipated follow-up to the Booker Prize-winning Life of Pi on yesterday.

Gosselin to sue 'absentee' ex-wife for custody

CELEBRITARDS Jon Gosselin says he plans to sue ex-wife Kate for primary custody of their eight children because her appearances on Dancing With the Stars have turned her into an absentee mom.

Jon Gosselin's lawyer Anthony List tells The Associated Press he plans to file papers in Berks County Court in Pennsylvania this week to reopen their divorce settlement.

List said yesterday that Kate Gosselin's participation in the hit ABC dance competition show has taken her away from the children. He says she has delegated most child-rearing responsibilities to three nannies.

Kate Gosselin's attorney Mark Momjian calls the allegation reckless and "patently false."

The two formerly starred on the reality show Jon & Kate Plus 8.

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NBC renews three freshman reality series

Three new NBC reality shows are coming back for another season. The network said Monday that it's renewed The Marriage Ref, Minute to Win It and Who Do You Think You Are? for the 2010-11 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Haim drug details emerge

Attorney General says actor 'doctor shopped' before death

Corey Haim employed "doctor shopping" to obtain 553 prescription pills in the two months before his death, California Attorney General Jerry Brown said yesterday.

The Toronto-born actor obtained the meds, which included Valium, Vicodin, Xanax and Soma, through seven different doctors and seven pharmacies, Brown said, and he used an alias on at least one occasion.

Brown said it did not appear the doctors knew Haim was obtaining prescriptions through multiple sources.

He called Haim — the star of 1980s films such as The Lost Boys and License to Drive — a "poster child" for prescription drug abuse. He said that it wasn't just celebrities who were obtaining massive quantities of prescription drugs through doctor-shopping.

"We think it illustrates a problem that is more widespread," Brown said. His office has pursued more than 200 cases statewide involving prescription abuse by both doctors and patients.

Haim's activities described by Brown yesterday are separate from a fraudulenty obtained prescription that Haim may have obtained. That prescription for Oxycontin was found during an investigation into a ring that illegally obtained prescription pads and used the stolen identities of doctors to fill them out.

Corey Haim

Haim, 38, died March 10 after collapsing in his mother's apartment. Haim struggled with drugs throughout his life. He was also suffering from flu-like symptoms before his death.

Coroner's officials have said they found four prescriptions in Haim's name in the apartment where he collapsed, and all were prescribed by a doctor treating the actor.

Brown said the doctors who prescribed medications to Haim told investigators they felt duped. He said Haim was able to get the medications by complaining of specific symptoms, such as shoulder pain and that the actor also used emergency rooms and urgent care facilities to obtain the drugs.

He said investigators were able to find the medications obtained by Haim through a state database that monitors prescriptions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VH1 seeks more diverse audience

Cable network to feature more racially progressive reality programs

On her new VH1 reality dating show, Rozonda Thomas — better known as Chilli from the ground-breaking hip-hop group TLC — doesn't lounge in bubble baths or hand out fake bling to her suitors. Instead, the 39-year-old singer and mother meets bachelors at black-tie affairs and confers with a dating expert, as well as her 12-year-old son.

The cable network, synonymous with Flavor of Love and its sleazy spin-offs, is trading trampiness for fabulousness with a new slate of series starring seemingly well-adjusted rich and famous black Americans.

AP PHOTO/VH1/PRESCOTT MCDONALD

In this publicity image for VH1's Basketball Wives from left, Jennifer Williams, Royce Reed, Erikka Moxam, Shaunie O'Neal, Evelyn Lozada, Suzie Ketchem and Gloria Govan pose together.

VH1 executive vice-president Jeff Olde admits that material is totally intentional.

"We constantly have to evolve and tell our audience different stories," he says. "I love that we've been able to get more diverse with our audience by — in large part — attracting African-American women to the network. We got them in the door with some shows, and now I'm excited about where we're going and how we're telling them different the shift from oh-no-they-didn't fare to more mature kinds of stories."

With a Sunday debut, What Chilli Wants will be partnered othat night with Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business, focusing on sibling R&B singers Ray J and Brandy Norwood as they attempt to relaunch their music careers, and Basketball Wives, starring Shaquille O'Neal's ex-wife, Shaunie O'Neal, and five other women with romantic links to basketball players. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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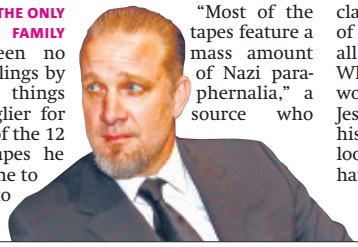
family	551	542	25	YTV	iCarly	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Supernanny		Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Cupcake Girls	Cupcake Girls	*View of Terror* (2003, Suspense)		
	570	580	29	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		disBAND	Video on Trial	VideoFlow				UR11
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Exterminator	Exterminator
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Gioco Senza Fine (Parte 1 de 2)				George Lopez	George Lopez	Lopez Tonight
	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		mmtop10.ca		G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons
	575	583	38	CMT	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According/Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*You Lucky Dog* (1998, Comedy) Kirk Cameron.				HawthoRNe (HDTV)		Law-Order
	620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Files	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar "Threads"		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		In Laws	In Laws	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Nostradamus Effect		Ice Road Truckers (HDTV) (N)		Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Dive Detect
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Lucky Louie	Hot Box	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	For Rent	Agent-Agent	Property Shop	Property Virgin	Unsellables	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes/Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (HDTV) From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)						Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	Law & Order
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Steve Harvey: Still Trippin' Stand-up routine.					Family Crews	Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Chuck (HDTV) (N)		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		InnerSpace (N)
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Presents	Cribs	Cribs	Teen Cribs	The Real World		The Challenge	Diary (N)	MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Dog Whisperer		Hoarders "Linda; Todd"		Hoarders "Jake; Shirley"		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Spoiled Rotten
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		No Place Like	Open All Hours	To Be Announced		Unscripted (N)	Twist of Faith	Poltergeist
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Waybuloo	Toopy & Binoo	Franklin	Dino	Little Bear	Toopy & Binoo	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case "Glory Days"		Missing "Death in the Family"		Medium		Cold Case "Glory Days"		Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	*Traitor* ★★★ (2008, Action) Don Cheadle.				*The International* ★★ (2009, Suspense) Clive Owen.				*The Narrows*
	305	612	306	PIX	*Palmer's Bone*	(7:20) *Boulevard* ★ (1994, Suspense)			*Fear* ★★ (1996, Suspense)			*It's All Gone Pete Tong*	
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		I Could Do	I Could Do	Howe & Howe Tech (N)		Solving History-Olly Steeds		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	America's Next Top Model		FashionTele	RAW	FT Found Footage		Pretty Wicked		Best Dressed

It smells like cats, Hagen Daaz, a hint of bitterness, and torn up Angelina Jolie photos
Jennifer Aniston is sniffing the sweet smell of success — she's preparing to launch her debut fragrance. She is fulfilling a long-time dream by creating her own signature scent, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Springtime for Hitler at the James household?

GUESS SANDRA ISN'T THE ONLY FILM STAR IN THE FAMILY While there's been no word on divorce filings by Sandra Bullock, things could get even uglier for Jesse James if any of the 12 homemade sex tapes he allegedly made come to light, according to Radar Online.

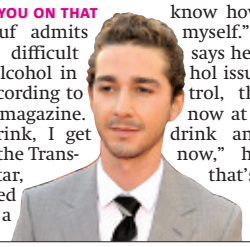


"Most of the tapes feature a mass amount of Nazi paraphernalia," a source who claims to have seen some of the material says. "It's all really quite disturbing. What I saw was a naked woman on her knees and Jesse in a Nazi hat waving his arm in a salute. It looked like the woman's hands were bound."

METRO WORLD NEWS

LaBeouf admits problems with alcohol consumption

ADMITTING IS THE FIRST STEP. NOW, RESPONSIBILITY ... HE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT Shia LaBeouf admits he's had a difficult time with alcohol in the past, according to FHM magazine. "When I drink, I get crazy," says the Transformers star, who refused to take a Breathalyzer test after his 2008 car crash. "I don't know how to compose myself." But LaBeouf says he's got his alcohol issues under control, though — for now at least. "I don't drink anymore, right now," he says. "But that's just today."



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JOSH GROBAN isn't much to look at, **JONATHAN ROSS** is thinking about the future, and **JESSICA ALBA** is putting out quite a spread.

@joshgroban A lone paparazzi got me and my dog (again) today. Bless. I said "really exciting stuff, guy. Great job". A paycheck, my photo is not.
@wossy Just read Asimov science fiction mag. It occurs to me to ask, how long before we stop calling 'email' emails, and start calling them mail?
@jessicaalba I'm making family Sat. brunch — Chicken/Cheese Enchiladas, Guacamole, Beans, Rice and Banana Cream Pie for dessert.

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Arrivederci for Clooney's Italian love interest: Report

BACK TO THE HOT, VACANT BRUNETTE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR GEORGIE George Clooney has reportedly called it quits with his Italian girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis, according to Grazia magazine. Sources say Clooney ended the nine-month relationship because he wasn't a fan of Canalis' party-going ways.

"George loved her, but didn't want that lifestyle," a source tells the magazine. "They'd been on the rocks since February, but held on to make it through awards season."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ex-Housewife sues series creator

HEY — PAYCHECKS DON'T GROW ON TREES. RIGHT? ANYONE? Nicolette Sheridan apparently isn't thrilled with how things ended for her on Desperate Housewives, as she's now suing series creator Marc Cherry for $20 million US over allegations of assault, gender violence and wrongful termination, according to Hollyscoop.

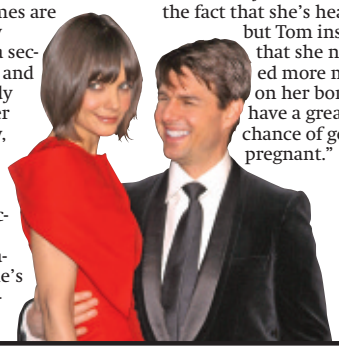
Sheridan claims that Cherry was abusive to her on set, going so far as to hit her on the head and face over a script dispute. The suit alleges that her character on the series was killed off because the actress complained about his behavior.

"The decision to kill off Sheridan's character demonstrates that Cherry and ABC intended to and did retaliate against Sheridan for her complaints about Cherry," according to the lawsuit.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Tom urges Katie to pack on the pounds

BECAUSE XENU FETUSES CAN'T THRIVE IN TIGHT, ENCLOSED SPACES Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are reportedly ready for a second child, and to get ready for another pregnancy, Holmes is packing on the pounds, according to Now magazine. "Katie's been gorging on loads of carbs and she's put on at least 12 pounds," a source says. "She hates the fact that she's heavier, but Tom insisted that she needed more meat on her bones to have a greater chance of getting pregnant."



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Low-rent Lohan can't make a buck

MAYBE SNOOKI NEEDS A NEW ROOMMATE Lindsay Lohan's troubles aren't solely with her father, as Showbiz Spy reports the actress' only source of income these days is from personal appearances. That wouldn't be a problem, except that her fee has reportedly dropped considerably — and she's now making less than Jersey Shore cast members get.

"When Lindsay does get paid for attending events, she now gets $5,000 to $10,000, (which is) basically less than Snooki makes," a source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jake reveals secret behind buff bod

PRINCE OF PARKOUR Forget the treadmill and free weights. Jake Gyllenhaal, who got noticeably buff for his role in this summer's Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, has revealed how he got ripped for his role – and a gym membership wasn't one of them.

Gyllenhaal's secret to achieving the hulking build of his character Prince Dastan? The French martial art of Parkour (also known as "freerunning"), people.com reports.

"(I) never did anything this intensive before (to change my body). It's a physical role. And when I commit to playing a part, it's 110 per cent," said the 29-year-old actor. "We worked really closely with David Belle, who invented Parkour. I worked with a lot of gymnasts. I started jumping off of a lot of things that were padded and learned the fundamental stuff, and then slowly started working on harder surfaces, really carefully.

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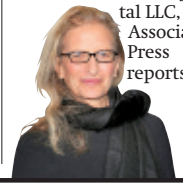
Leibovitz money troubles continue

VANITY UNFAIR The investment firm that was tasked with managing the mismanaged fortune of Annie Leibovitz is suing the celebrity photographer, alleging she owes them a whopping $800,000 US in unpaid bills for their services, popeater.com reports.

Brunswick Capital Partners LP said in a lawsuit filed Friday that Leibovitz owes the fees for its help arranging her recent financing agreement with another firm, Colony Capital LLC, the Associated Press reports.



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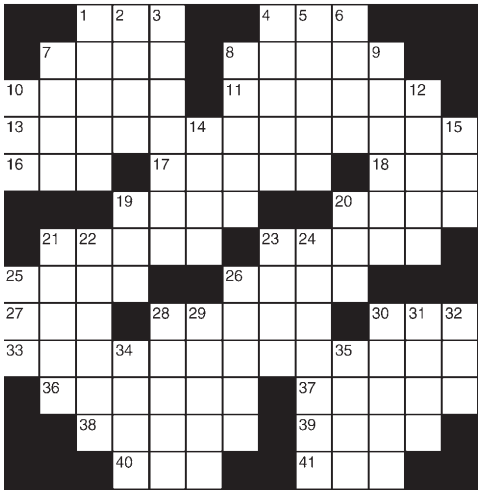

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4					9	
5	7						4	2
		2	9			1	3	
7				1	3		2	
				8				
	9		2	5				6
	4	8			5	2		
6	3						1	7
	2					8		

ACROSS

1 — Mahal
4 Mail sorting ctr.
7 Calming exercise
8 Jim Morrison's band, with "The"
10 Shaped like a dunce cap
11 Mistakes in print
13 Tumbler
16 Moment
17 Actress Parker
18 Pi follower
19 Sound quality
20 Squared
21 Suggestions
23 Compare
25 Treaty
26 City of Seven Hills
27 "Hail!"
28 Figure of speech
30 — constrictor
33 Tumbler
36 Dog
37 Sarah Palin book, "Going —"
38 Propels a gondola
39 Quite some time
40 Tournament situation
41 Parcel of land

DOWN

1 Gin partner
2 Not "fer"
3 Big win in Vegas
4 Ravine
5 "— and Bess"
6 Exam format
7 Olden days
8 Thick
9 Famish
10 LPs' successors
12 Wan
14 Charged particles
15 Trinity member
19 Stick with a kick
20 — out a living
21 Widespread destruction
22 Greenland sight
23 Aerobatic maneuver
24 Sinful
25 Chum
26 Singer LeAnn
28 With unfriendliness
29 Recipient
30 Sire
31 Responsibility
32 Corroded
34 Door handle
35 Scrubbed, NASA-style

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

L	U	S	T	■	A	G	A	■	P	R	O	P
A	G	U	E	■	I	E	D	■	H	A	D	I
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3	4	6	1	2	7	8	9	5
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken and Shrimp Jambalaya

INGREDIENTS:

100 g chorizo sausage, cut into small chunks
300 g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bite-sized pieces
2 cups long-grain rice
4 cups hot chicken or vegetable stock
1 bay leaf
200 g bottle tomato salsa
200 g raw, peeled tiger jumbo shrimp
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Heat large, deep frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and fry until just starting to brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add chicken to chorizo oil and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring until lightly coloured. Remove and set aside.
2. Add rice to pan and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Pour in hot stock and add bay leaf. Reduce heat, then cover pan with lid or foil and simmer gently 5 minutes.
3. Stir chorizo and chicken into rice. Cover pan and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in salsa, jumbo shrimp and parsley, and cook 3-4 minutes or until jumbo shrimp are just cooked, most of liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender.
4. Remove bay leaf, then season; serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Some serious matters need to be dealt with and people are looking to you to take the lead. You'll do it, of course, but don't do all the hard stuff yourself.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Strive for clarity in everything. The more you keep things simple over the next 24 hours the more likely it is you will impress some Very Important People.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Focus on business and money matters today. You may be a long way behind in your financial affairs but you can easily catch up if you make an effort.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Say what you think and don't worry that some people might get angry. Life is too short. the only emotions you have control over are your own.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Pluto will stop you in your tracks today and demand answers to some serious questions. It may mean having second thoughts about something.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is a huge opportunity just waiting to be taken advantage of, but you can't seem to find the energy to get started. Maybe you need to question your aims.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Speak up if you disagree with what a friend or family member is proposing. They may not welcome your input now but later on they will thank you for caring.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
After the trials and tribulations of recent weeks it might be wise to find yourself a quiet place where you can get your mind together.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A sudden change of direction will be forced on you today and it will annoy you that you did not see it coming. Never mind. Life is full of twists and turns.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Accept yourself for who you are and accept others for who they are. That is the message of the stars today and if you heed it you won't go far wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If nothing else, recent developments will have made you more willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Seek out people who inspire you and whose ideas are different, even radical. The world is changing at such a pace that you cannot afford to stay where you are.

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